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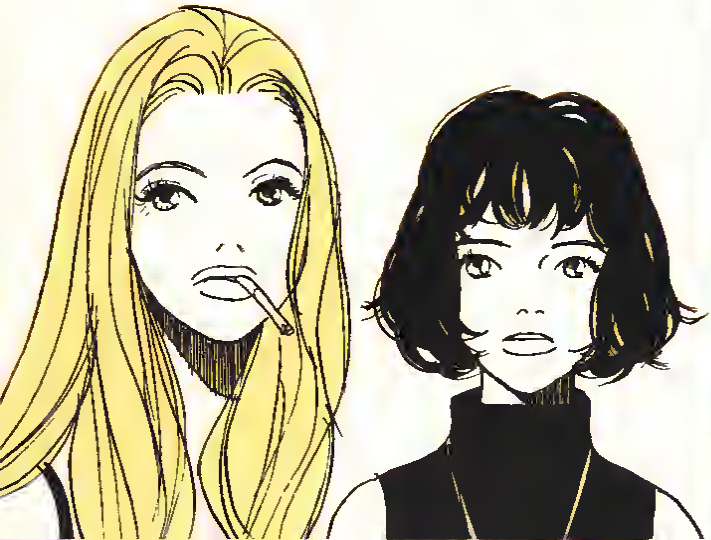

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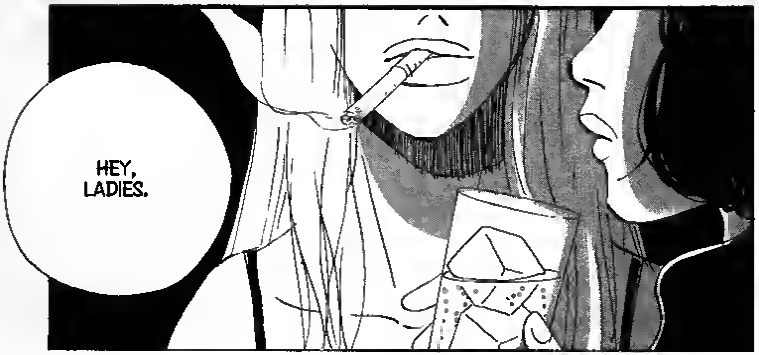
chapter 1

HERE I AM, PUTTING ON MY MAKEUP AT MIDNIGHT AND PRETENDING TO BE A MOVIE STAR. WHEN I'M DONE, I'LL PASS THE TIME BY PLAYING VIDEO GAMES AND MAKING PRANK CALLS.

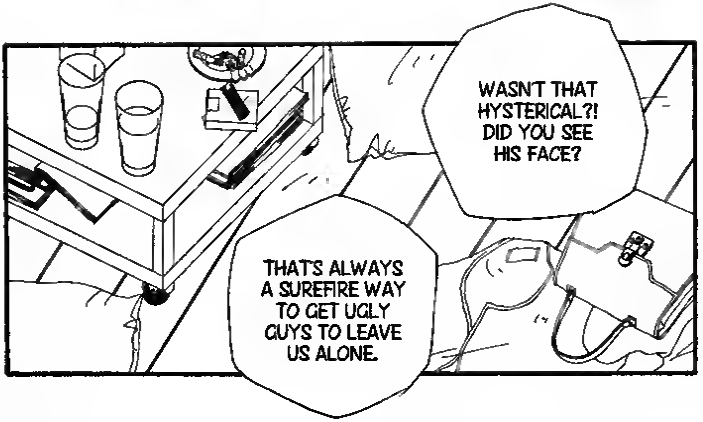
OUR SECRET HONEYMOON...

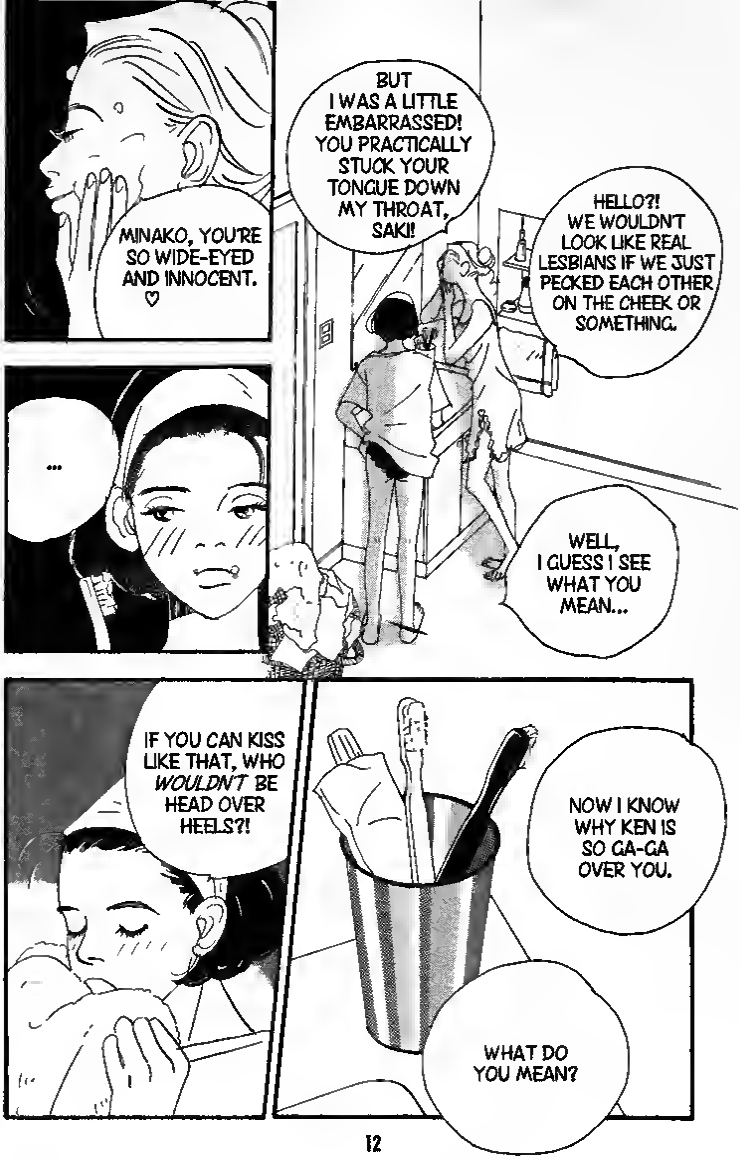
WHAT DO YOU THINK? ARE THERE ANY HOT GUYS AROUND?
NOPE. IT'S LIKE AN UGLY CONVENTION IN HERE. THIS IS THE WORST PARTY EVER!
HEY. DON'T LOSE HOPE YET! HOW ABOUT HIM? THAT LONG-HAIRED GUY?!
LET ME CHECK HIM OUT. WHICH ONE?

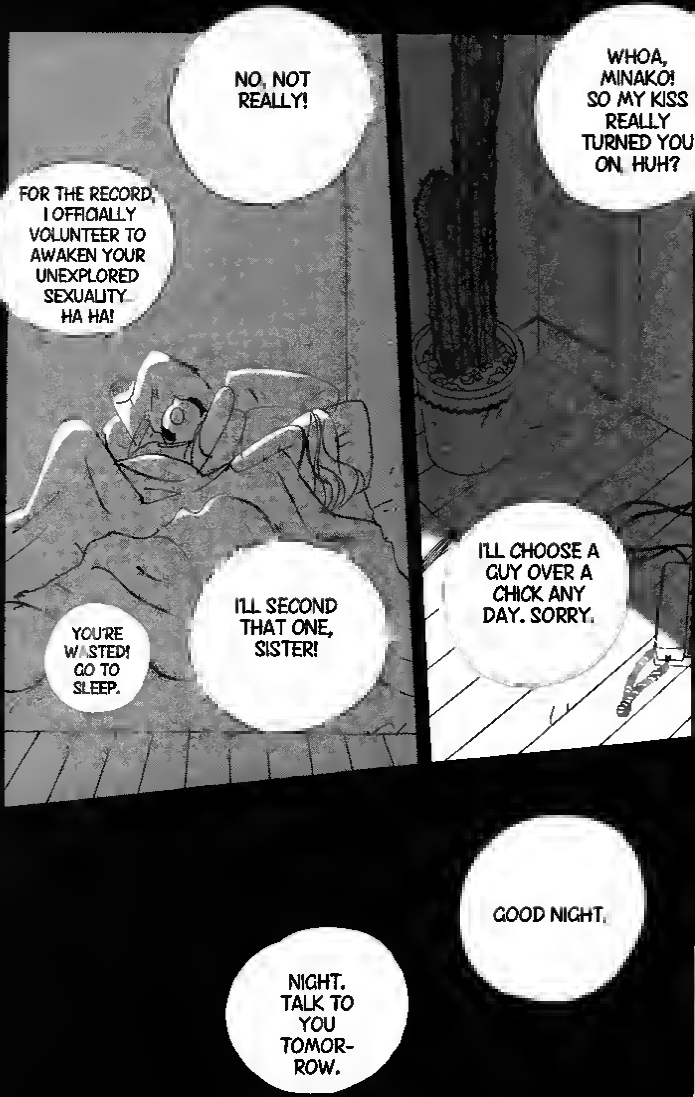

HEY, LADIES.

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME AND MY BUDDY OVER HERE? LADIES AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU SHOULDN'T DRINK ALONE.
EEW, CHEESY LINE...
DOES THAT MEAN UGLY PEOPLE SHOULD DRINK ALONE?
ARE YOU A PARTY OF TWO TONIGHT?
LOOK, WHY DON'T YOU SAVE YOURSELF A LOT OF TIME AND HIT ON SOMEONE YOU ACTUALLY HAVE A CHANCE WITH? WE'RE A COUPLE.
HEY, NOW, TAKE IT EASY.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

HUH?
OH, YEAH. SURE YOU ARE!
NO WAY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!


WASN'T THAT HYSTERICAL?! DID YOU SEE HIS FACE?
THAT'S ALWAYS A SUREFIRE WAY TO GET UGLY GUYS TO LEAVE US ALONE.

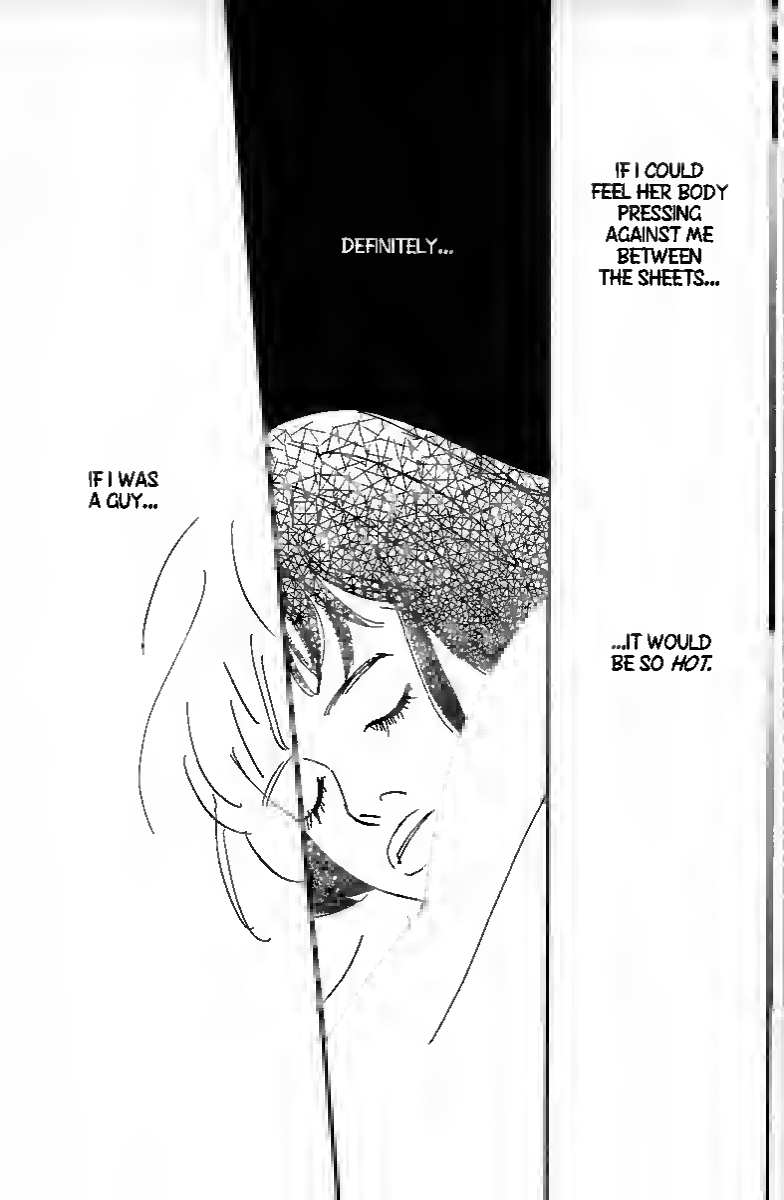

MINAKO, YOU'RE SO WIDE-EYED AND INNOCENT. ♡
BUT I WAS A LITTLE EMBARRASSED! YOU PRACTICALLY STUCK YOUR TONGUE DOWN MY THROAT, SAKI!
HELLO?! WE WOULDN'T LOOK LIKE REAL LESBIANS IF WE JUST PECKED EACH OTHER ON THE CHEEK OR SOMETHING.
...
WELL, I GUESS I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN...
IF YOU CAN KISS LIKE THAT, WHO *WOULDN'T* BE HEAD OVER HEELS?!
NOW I KNOW WHY KEN IS SO GA-GA OVER YOU.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


NO, NOT REALLY!
FOR THE RECORD, I OFFICIALLY VOLUNTEER TO AWAKEN YOUR UNEXPLORED SEXUALITY... HA HA!
YOU'RE W∧STED! GO TO SLEEP.
I'LL SECOND THAT ONE, SISTER!
WHOA, MINAKO! SO MY KISS REALLY TURNED YOU ON, HUH?
I'LL CHOOSE A GUY OVER A CHICK ANY DAY. SORRY.
GOOD NIGHT.
NIGHT. TALK TO YOU TOMOR-ROW.

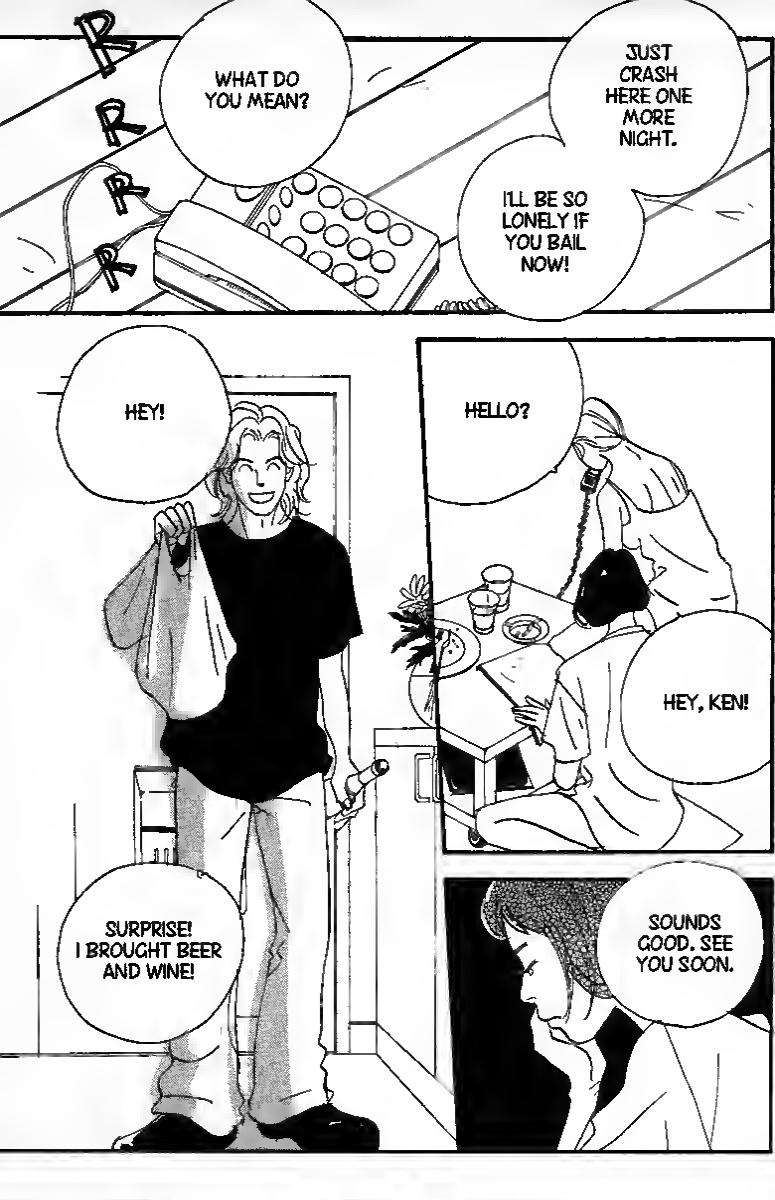
SAKI'S SO ADORABLE.

AND SHE LOOKS SO SWEET, SLEEPING LIKE THAT.

IF I WAS A GUY, I WOULD DEFINITELY BE IN LOVE WITH HER!


DEFINITELY...
IF I COULD FEEL HER BODY PRESSING AGAINST ME BETWEEN THE SHEETS...
IF I WAS A GUY...
...IT WOULD BE SO *HOT*.

OHMIGOSH! CHANEL ROUGE NOIR NAIL POLISH! I'VE WANTED THIS FOREVER!
I HEARD THAT IT'S SOLD OUT EVERYWHERE NOW.
UGH, I DON'T WANNA GO HOME...
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT HEADING OUT.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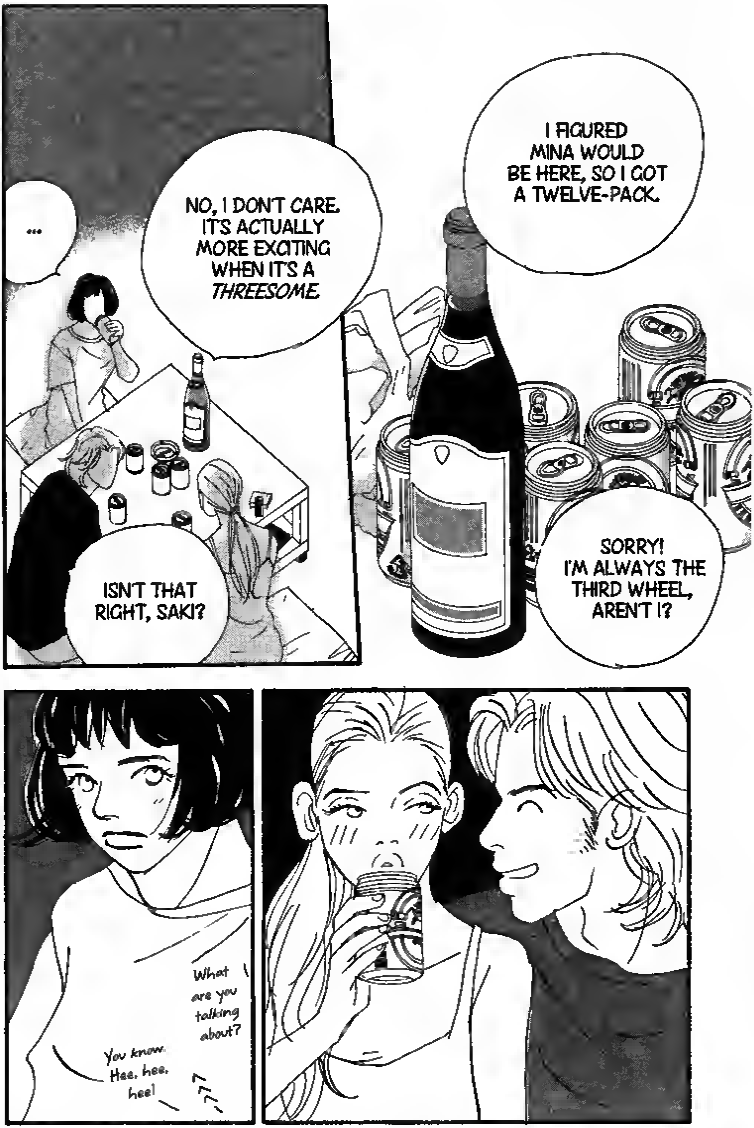
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
JUST CRASH HERE ONE MORE NIGHT.
I'LL BE SO LONELY IF YOU BAIL NOW!
HEY!
HELLO?
HEY, KEN!
SURPRISE! I BROUGHT BEER AND WINE!
SOUNDS GOOD. SEE YOU SOON.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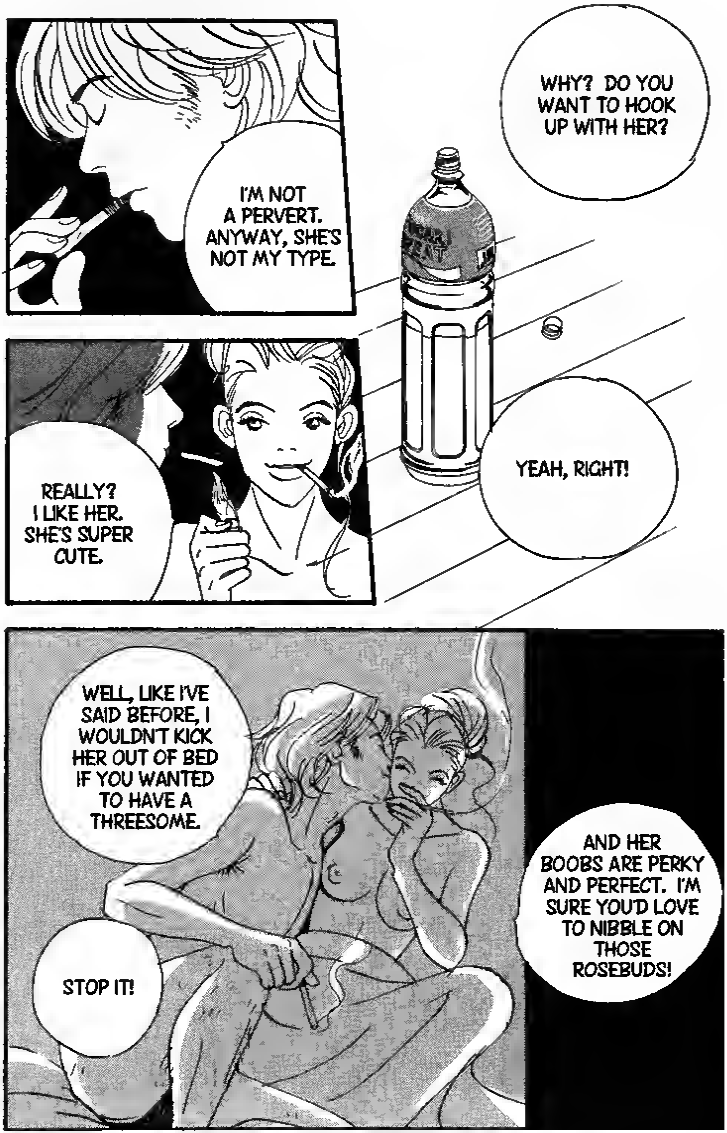
NO, I DON'T CARE. IT'S ACTUALLY MORE EXCITING WHEN IT'S A *THREESOME.*
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SAKI?
I FIGURED MINA WOULD BE HERE, SO I GOT A TWELVE-PACK.
SORRY! I'M ALWAYS THE THIRD WHEEL, AREN'T I?
What are you talking about?
You know. Hee, hee, hee!

SEE YOU LATER, GUYS.
TAKE CARE!
LATER.
Y'KNOW, I DON'T LIKE SAKI WHEN SHE'S WITH KEN.

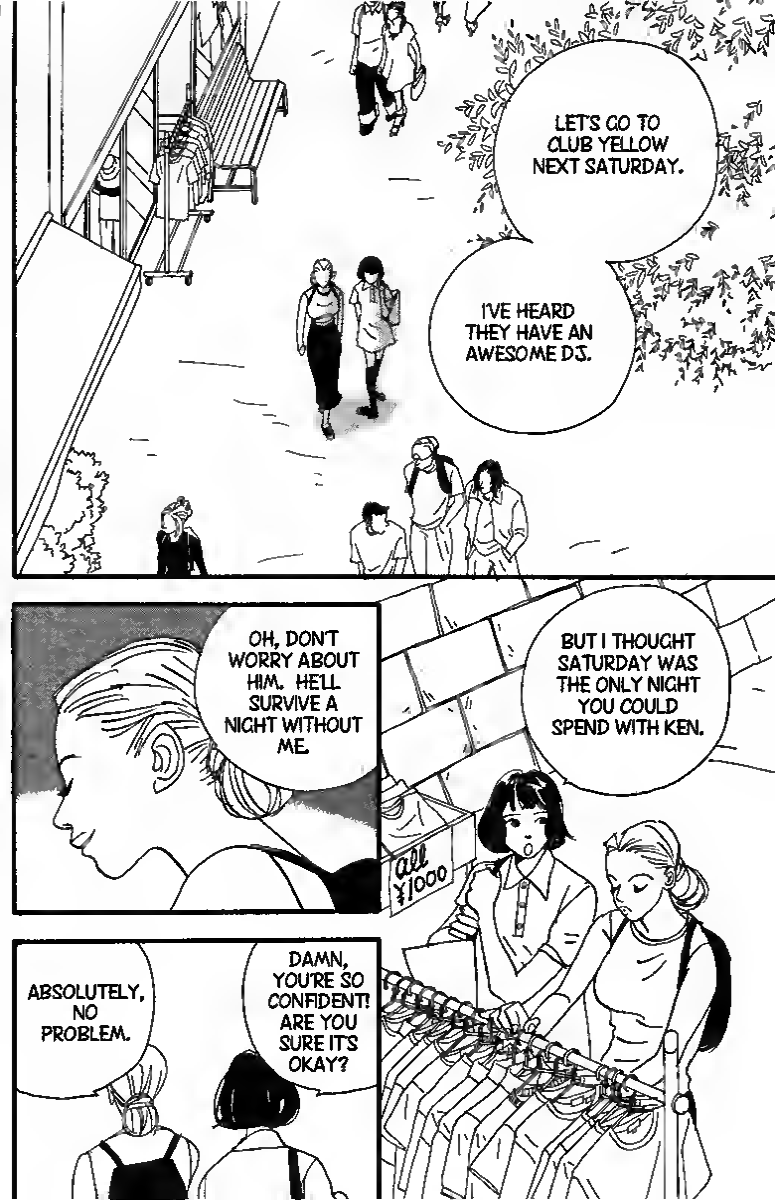
I...

...I LIKE SAKI BEST WHEN SHE'S WITH *ME*

NO WAY.
IS MINA A VIRGIN?
HEY.
I MEAN, SHE'S DEFINITELY HAD BOYFRIENDS BEFORE.
HMM.
WHAT?


I'M NOT A PERVERT. ANYWAY, SHE'S NOT MY TYPE.
WHY? DO YOU WANT TO HOOK UP WITH HER?
REALLY? I LIKE HER. SHE'S SUPER CUTE.
YEAH, RIGHT!
WELL, LIKE I'VE SAID BEFORE, I WOULDN'T KICK HER OUT OF BED IF YOU WANTED TO HAVE A THREESOME.
STOP IT!
AND HER BOOBS ARE PERKY AND PERFECT. I'M SURE YOU'D LOVE TO NIBBLE ON THOSE ROSEBUDS!

AH! AH! AH!


LET'S GO TO CLUB YELLOW NEXT SATURDAY.
I'VE HEARD THEY HAVE AN AWESOME DJ.
BUT I THOUGHT SATURDAY WAS THE ONLY NIGHT YOU COULD SPEND WITH KEN.
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM. HE'LL SURVIVE A NIGHT WITHOUT ME.
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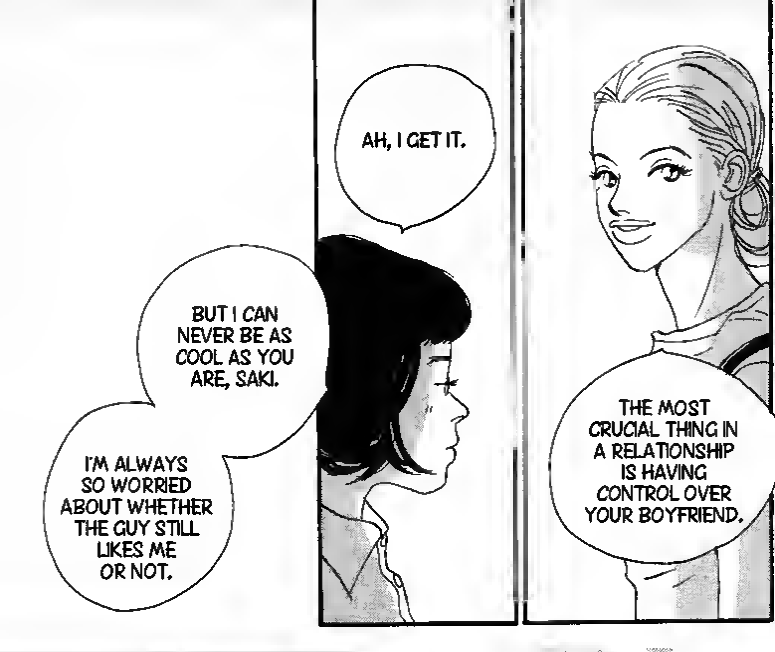
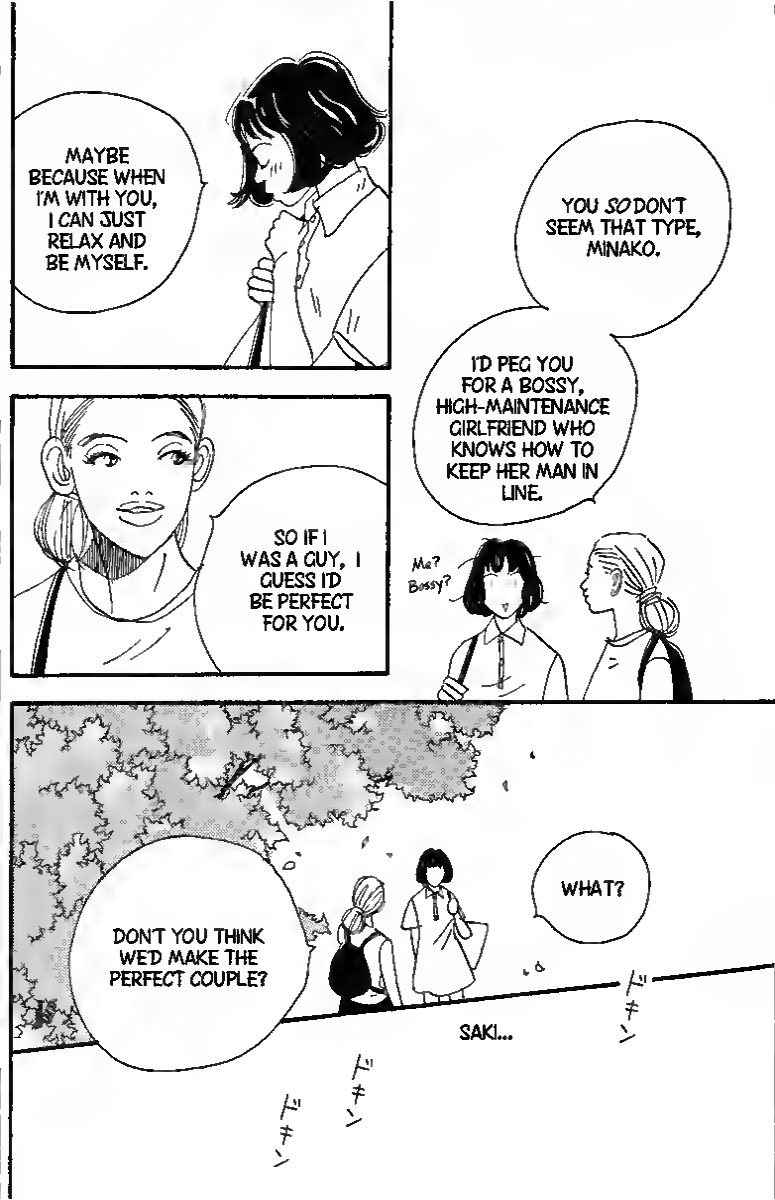
DAMN, YOU'RE SO CONFIDENT! ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?
ABSOLUTELY, NO PROBLEM.


AH, I GET IT.
BUT I CAN NEVER BE AS COOL AS YOU ARE, SAKI.
I'M ALWAYS SO WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER THE GUY STILL LIKES ME OR NOT.
THE MOST CRUCIAL THING IN A RELATIONSHIP IS HAVING CONTROL OVER YOUR BOYFRIEND.

I OBSESS OVER HIS FEELINGS 24/7...
...AND I END UP BEING ONE OF THOSE PATHETIC, WHIPPED "WOMEN WHO LOVE TOO MUCH."


MAYBE BECAUSE WHEN I'M WITH YOU, I CAN JUST RELAX AND BE MYSELF.
SO IF I WAS A GUY, I GUESS I'D BE PERFECT FOR YOU.
YOU *SO* DON'T SEEM THAT TYPE, MINAKO.
I'D PEG YOU FOR A BOSSY, HIGH-MAINTENANCE GIRLFRIEND WHO KNOWS HOW TO KEEP HER MAN IN LINE.
Me? Bossy?
DON'T YOU THINK WE'D MAKE THE PERFECT COUPLE?
WHAT?
SAKI...
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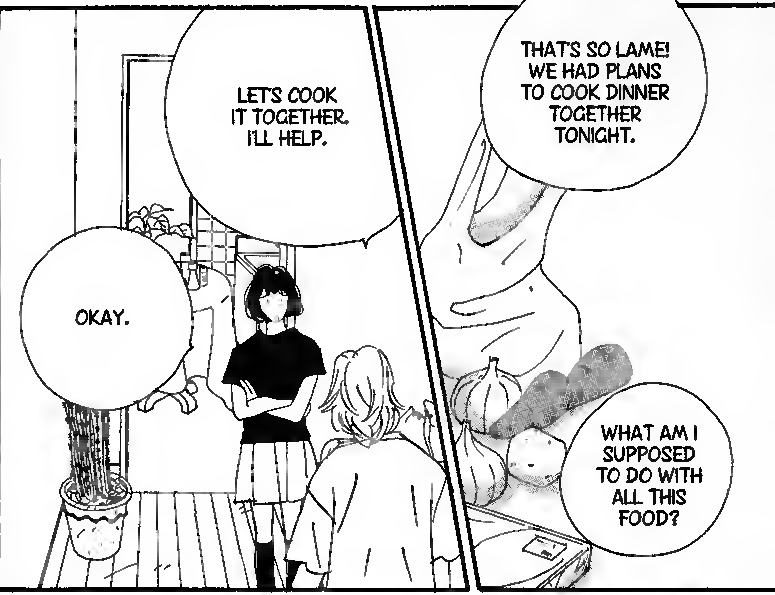
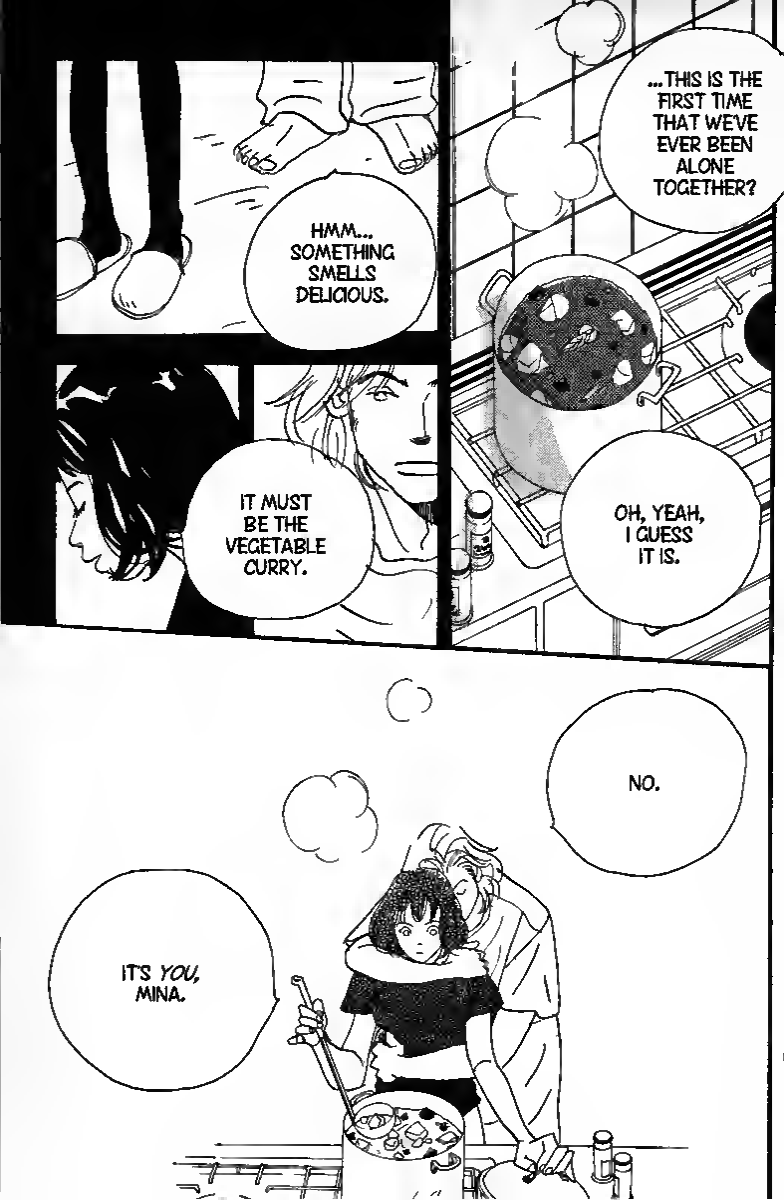
MY LOVELY SAKI... I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!


THAT'S SO LAME! WE HAD PLANS TO COOK DINNER TOGETHER TONIGHT.
LET'S COOK IT TOGETHER. I'LL HELP.
OKAY.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH ALL THIS FOOD?

DAMN, SAKI BLEW ME OFF!
HEY, DO YOU REALIZE...


HMM... SOMETHING SMELLS DELICIOUS.
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE'VE EVER BEEN ALONE TOGETHER?
IT MUST BE THE VEGETABLE CURRY.
OH, YEAH, I GUESS IT IS.
NO.
IT'S *YOU*, MINA.

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE REALLY CUTE.
KEN...? WHAT THE HELL?!
SAKI JUST WEARS ME OUT SOMETIMES.
YOU KNOW HOW STRONG AND BULL-HEADED SHE CAN BE.
LET ME JUST HOLD YOU FOR A WHILE.

WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS?
IT'S NOT FAIR TO TALK BEHIND SAKI'S BACK WHEN SHE'S NOT AROUND.
WELL, I CAN'T TELL THE TRUTH IF SHE'S HERE.
AH...
I LOVE YOU, MINA.
YOU'RE SO FREAKING BEAUTIFUL...

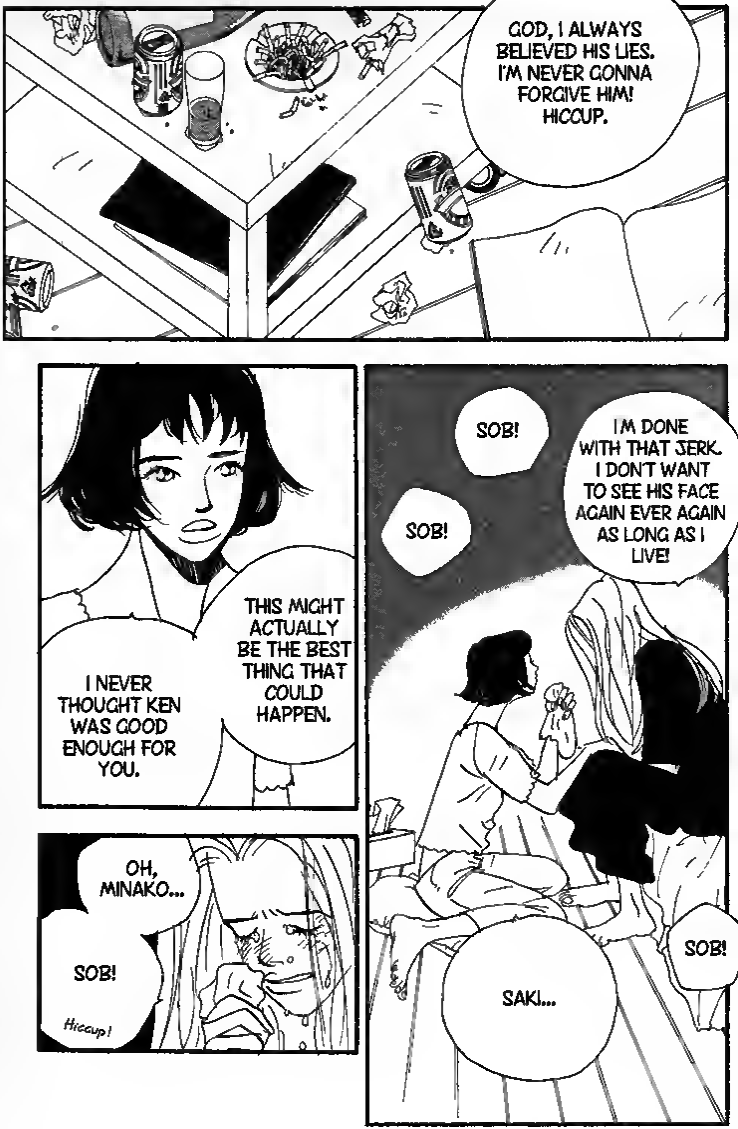
HEY, SAKI...

IS THIS HOW YOU FEEL WHEN KEN MAKES LOVE TO YOU?

KEN AND I MIGHT BREAK UP SOON.

NO WAY!

NO, SURELY IT CAN'T BE THAT...
IS IT BECAUSE OF OUR NIGHT TOGETHER?
HUH?
WHAT SHOULD I DO, MINAKO? HE'S CHEATING ON ME FOR SURE!


GOD, I ALWAYS BELIEVED HIS LIES. I'M NEVER GONNA FORGIVE HIM! HICCUP.
I NEVER THOUGHT KEN WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU.
THIS MIGHT ACTUALLY BE THE BEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN.
OH, MINAKO...
SOB!
Hiccup!
SOB!
SOB!
I'M DONE WITH THAT JERK. I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIS FACE AGAIN EVER AGAIN AS LONG AS I LIVE!
SOB!
SAKI...

DON'T CRY, SAKI.
I'M HERE FOR YOU.
Knock Knock
ピンポーン
Ding dong
ドンドン
SAKI!
OHMIGOD. IT'S KEN! WHAT SHOULD I DO?
ピンポーン
ドンドン
YOU STAY HERE. I'LL GO AND TALK TO HIM.

MINA...
KEN, WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO TO HER?
DON'T WORRY. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU AND ME HOOKING UP. IT'S ANOTHER GIRL.
WHAT...
LOOK, DO ME A FAVOR. PLEASE TELL SAKI...
...THAT SHE'S THE ONLY ONE FOR ME.
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HER!

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE REALLY CUTE.
I LOVE YOU, MINA.
YOU'RE SO FREAKING BEAUTIFUL...
GOD, YOU'RE A BASTARD!
OH...
MINAKO...
GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
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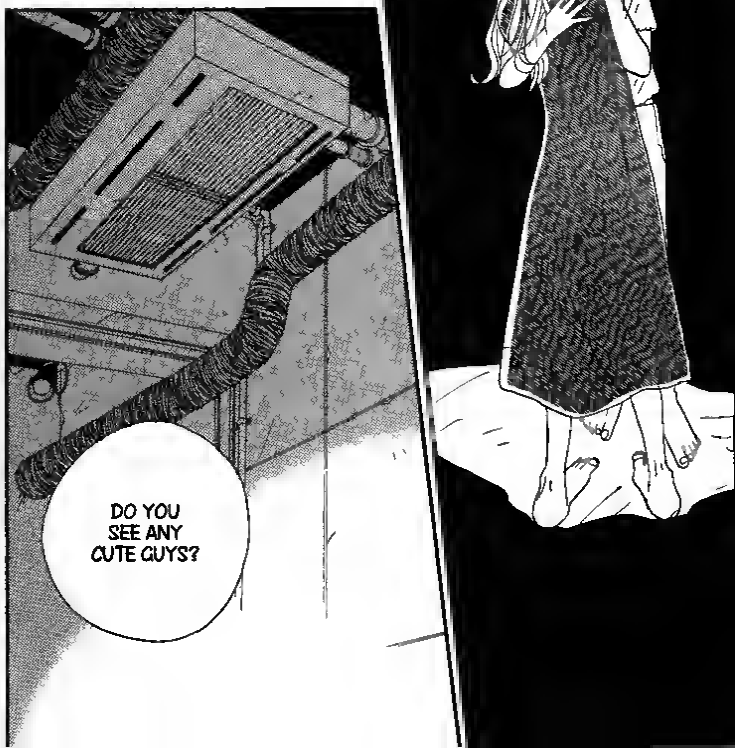
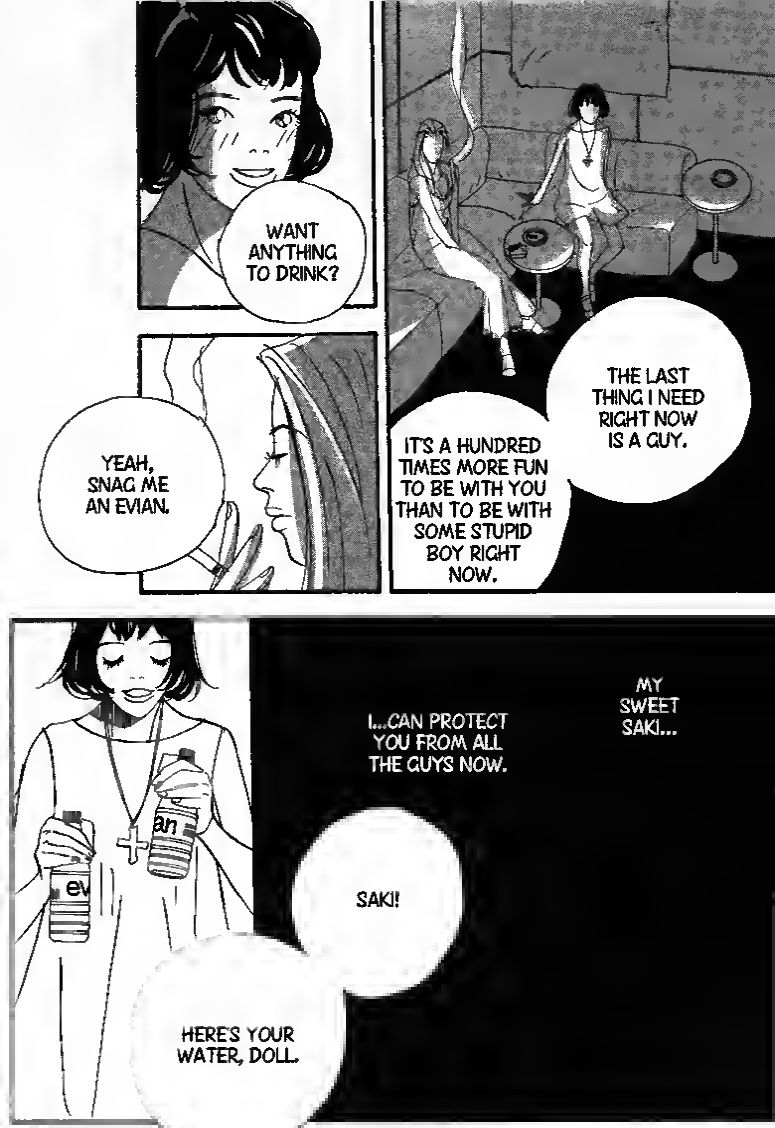
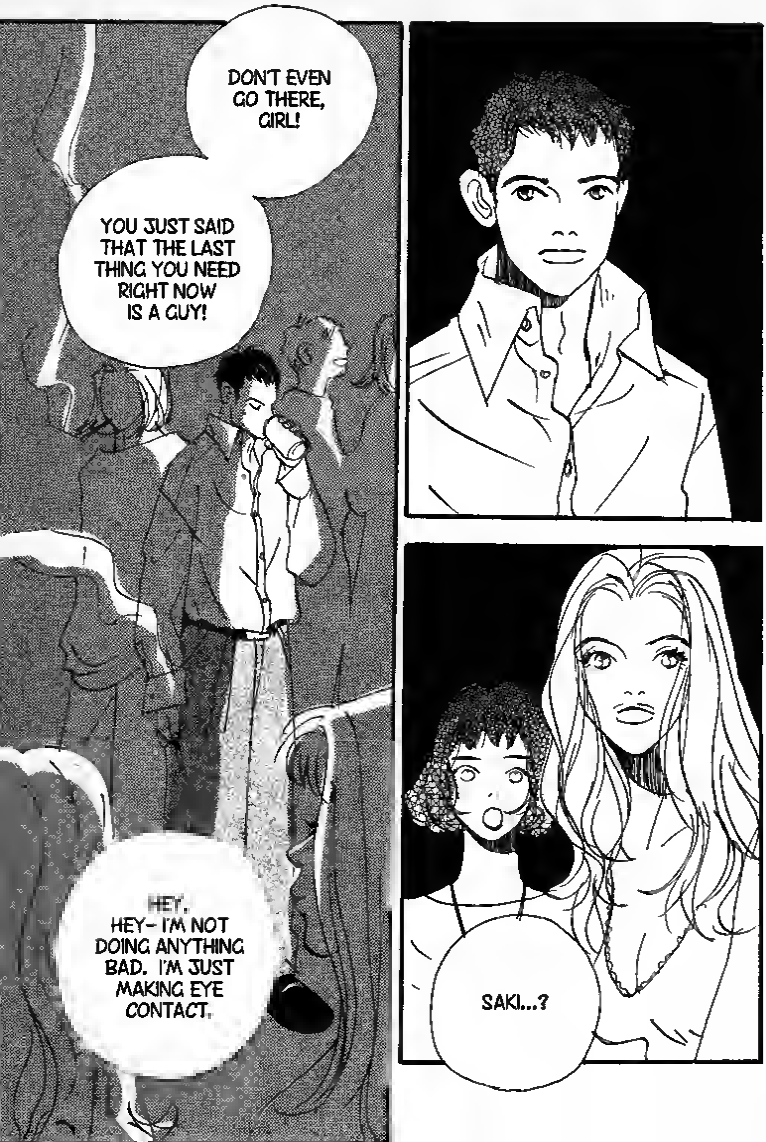
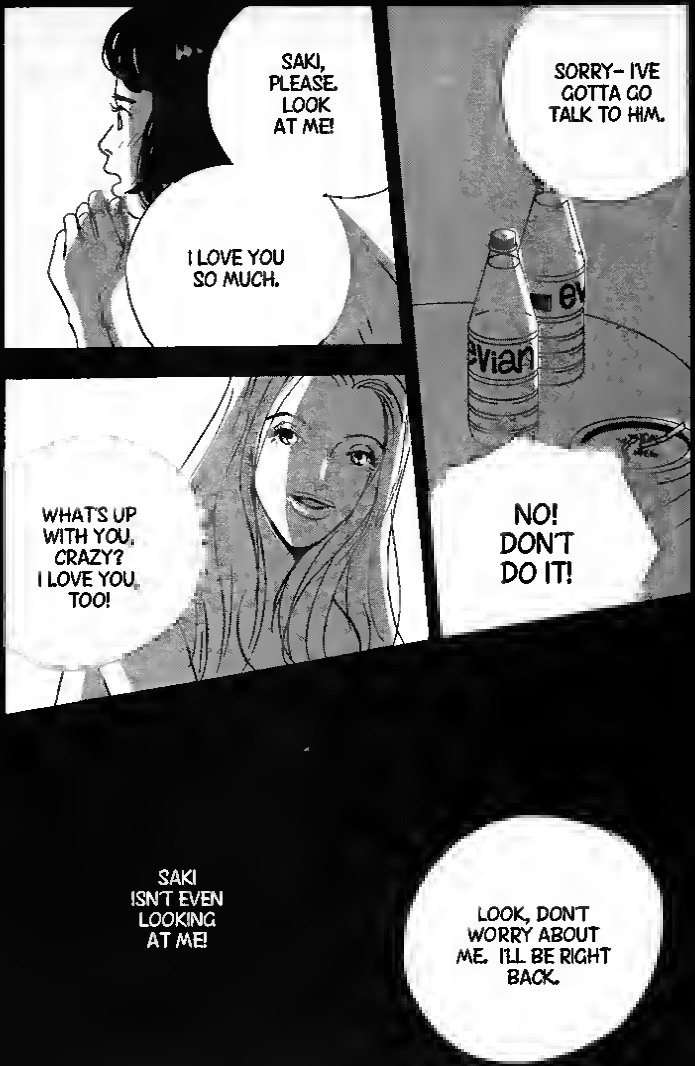
SAKI NEVER WANTS TO SEE YOU AGAIN!


DO YOU SEE ANY CUTE GUYS?


WANT ANYTHING TO DRINK?
YEAH, SNAG ME AN EVIAN.
IT'S A HUNDRED TIMES MORE FUN TO BE WITH YOU THAN TO BE WITH SOME STUPID BOY RIGHT NOW.
THE LAST THING I NEED RIGHT NOW IS A GUY.
HERE'S YOUR WATER, DOLL.
SAKI!
I...CAN PROTECT YOU FROM ALL THE GUYS NOW.
MY SWEET SAKI...


DON'T EVEN GO THERE, GIRL!
YOU JUST SAID THAT THE LAST THING YOU NEED RIGHT NOW IS A GUY!
HEY, HEY- I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING BAD. I'M JUST MAKING EYE CONTACT.
SAKI...?


SAKI, PLEASE. LOOK AT ME!
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.
SORRY- I'VE GOTTA GO TALK TO HIM.
NO! DON'T DO IT!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU, CRAZY? I LOVE YOU, TOO!
SAKI ISN'T EVEN LOOKING AT ME!
LOOK, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

I HATE
FEELING
THIS WAY!

BUT WHAT CAN I DO?
MINAKO!
WHAT THE HELL SHOULD I DO?
COME OVER HERE!
SAKI IS...
OKAY, OKAY, I'M COMING.
...DRIFTING AWAY FROM ME.
HEY, SAKI. HOW ARE YOU?
WOW, LONG TIME NO SEE!
DON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH SAKI.
YOU WANNA GO OUT WITH ME?
JUST THE TWO OF US, ALONE.

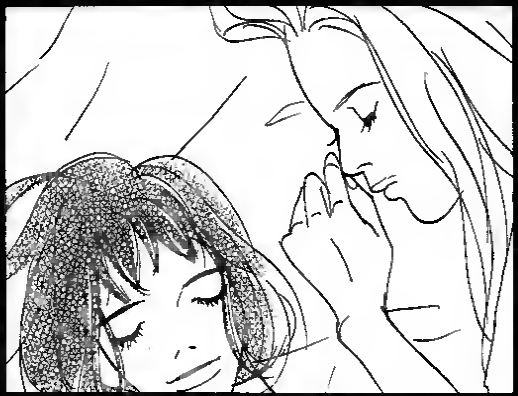
DAMN, YOU'RE AGGRESSIVE!
HEE, HEE!
SAKI AND I HAVE THE EXACT SAME TASTE IN MEN, SO I HAVE TO GO FOR THE GUY BEFORE SHE MOVES IN FOR THE KILL.
OH, GOTCHA!
SLIP ME YOUR PHONE NUMBER LATER.

SEE WHAT I MEAN? GUYS ARE SO COMPLETELY CLUELESS.

THEY'LL CHANGE THEIR MINDS IN A MILLISECOND IF THEY THINK IT WILL GET THEM LAID FASTER!

SO, SAKI...

MY AMAZINGLY ADORABLE SAKI...



NOW YOU'LL KNOW I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO TRULY CARES ABOUT YOU!

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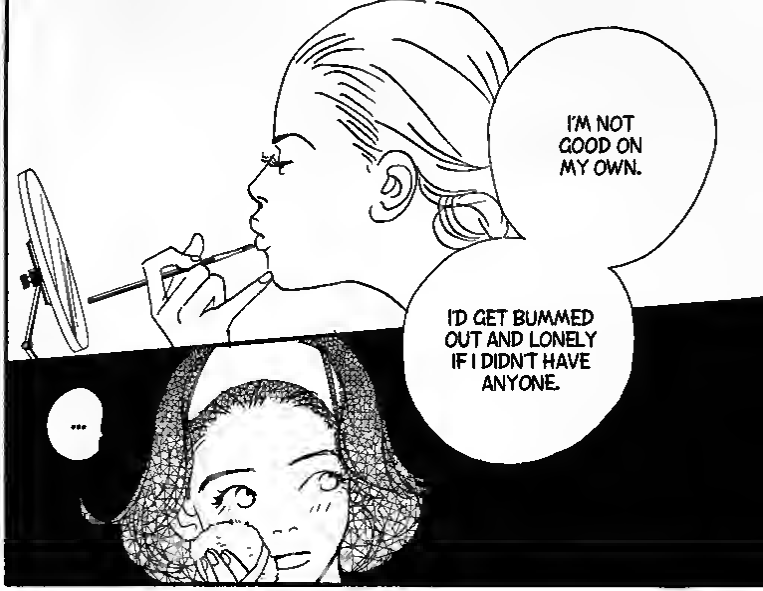
HEY, MINAKO.
DO YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON ANYONE RIGHT NOW?
DON'T YOU WANT A BOYFRIEND?


I'M NOT GOOD ON MY OWN.
I'D GET BUMMED OUT AND LONELY IF I DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE.
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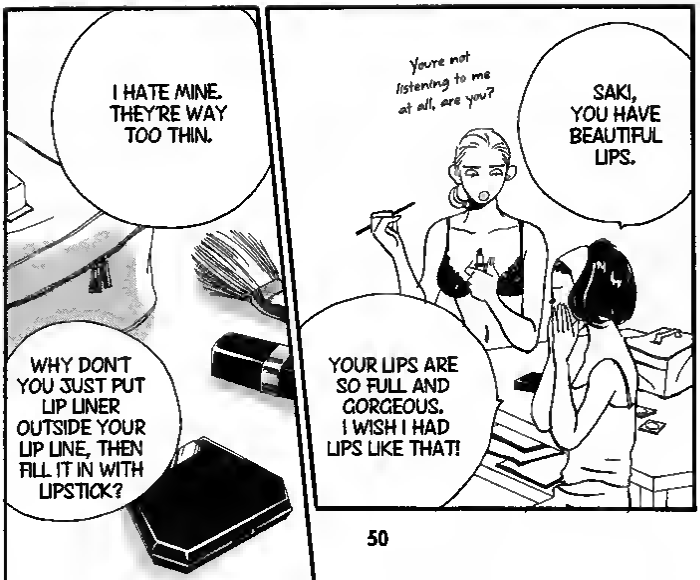

I HATE MINE. THEY'RE WAY TOO THIN.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST PUT LIP LINER OUTSIDE YOUR LIP LINE, THEN FILL IT IN WITH LIPSTICK?
You're not listening to me at all, are you?
SAKI, YOU HAVE BEAUTIFUL LIPS.
YOUR LIPS ARE SO FULL AND GORGEOUS. I WISH I HAD LIPS LIKE THAT!

RELAX, GIRL.
YEAH, JUST LIKE THAT.
WOW, YOU LOOK SO PRETTY!
LET ME SEE YOUR FACE.
OKAY.

LET'S SNAP A PICTURE OF YOU.
SAY CHEESE!
YOU SHOULD LINE YOUR LIPS LIKE THAT FROM NOW ON.
WHOA. I DO LOOK REALLY DIFFERENT!
I LOOK LIKE A BIT OF A SLUT!
SAKI...
MY LOVE, SAKI...

I DON'T NEED A BOYFRIEND.

ALL I WANT IS YOU LOOKING AT ME, AND ONLY ME.

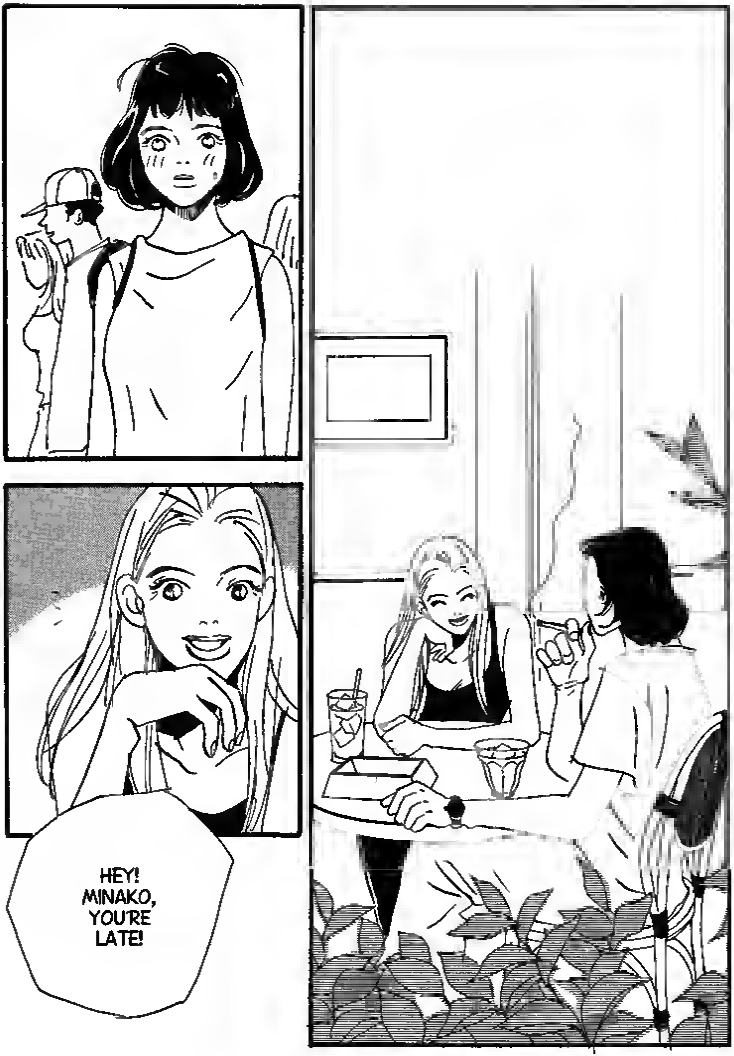
OOPS, I'M LATE!
SAKI MIGHT BE MAD AT ME.

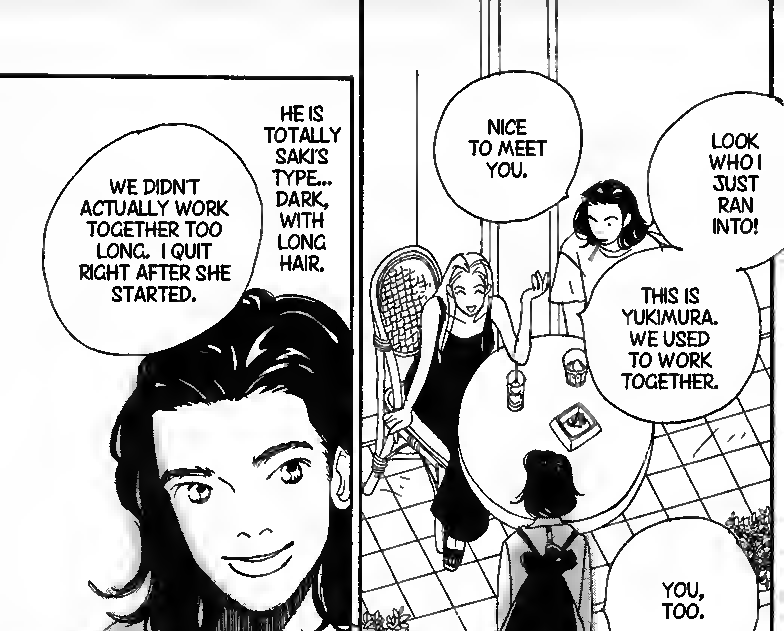
SAKI DOESN'T LIKE TO BE ALONE IN A CAFE.

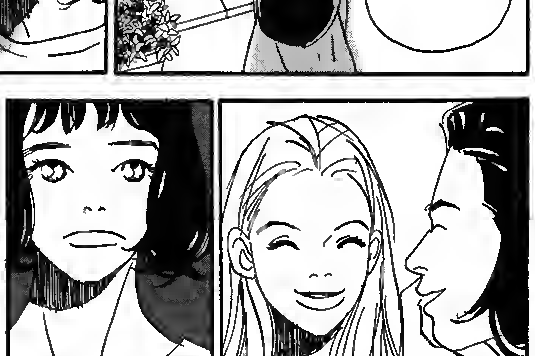
I BET SHE LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE GIRL WHO LOST HER MOMMY AT THE MALL RIGHT ABOUT NOW! AND SHE'S PROBABLY WORRIED ABOUT ME, TOO.

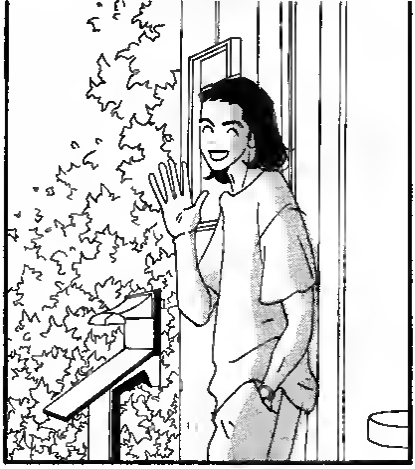
IT'S OBVIOUS: THE GIRL NEEDS ME.

I HAVE TO BE WITH HER 24/7!

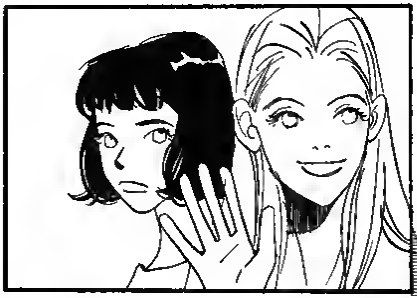

HEY! MINAKO, YOU'RE LATE!


LOOK WHO I JUST RAN INTO!
NICE TO MEET YOU.
THIS IS YUKIMURA. WE USED TO WORK TOGETHER.
YOU, TOO.
HE IS TOTALLY SAKI'S TYPE... DARK, WITH LONG HAIR.
WE DIDN'T ACTUALLY WORK TOGETHER TOO LONG. I QUIT RIGHT AFTER SHE STARTED.


OH, SAKI.
YOU'RE DOING IT TO ME AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?



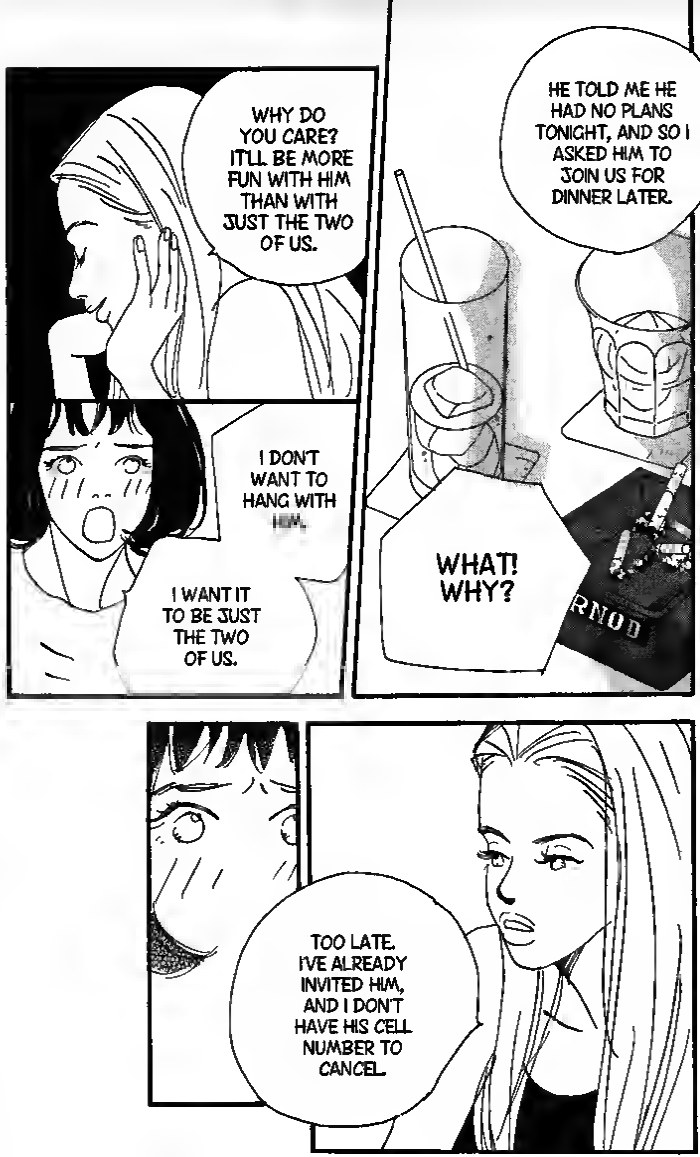
I'VE GOTTA RUN.



OKAY. I'LL SEE YOU A LITTLE LATER.

HEY, SAKI!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU'LL SEE HIM A LITTLE LATER?

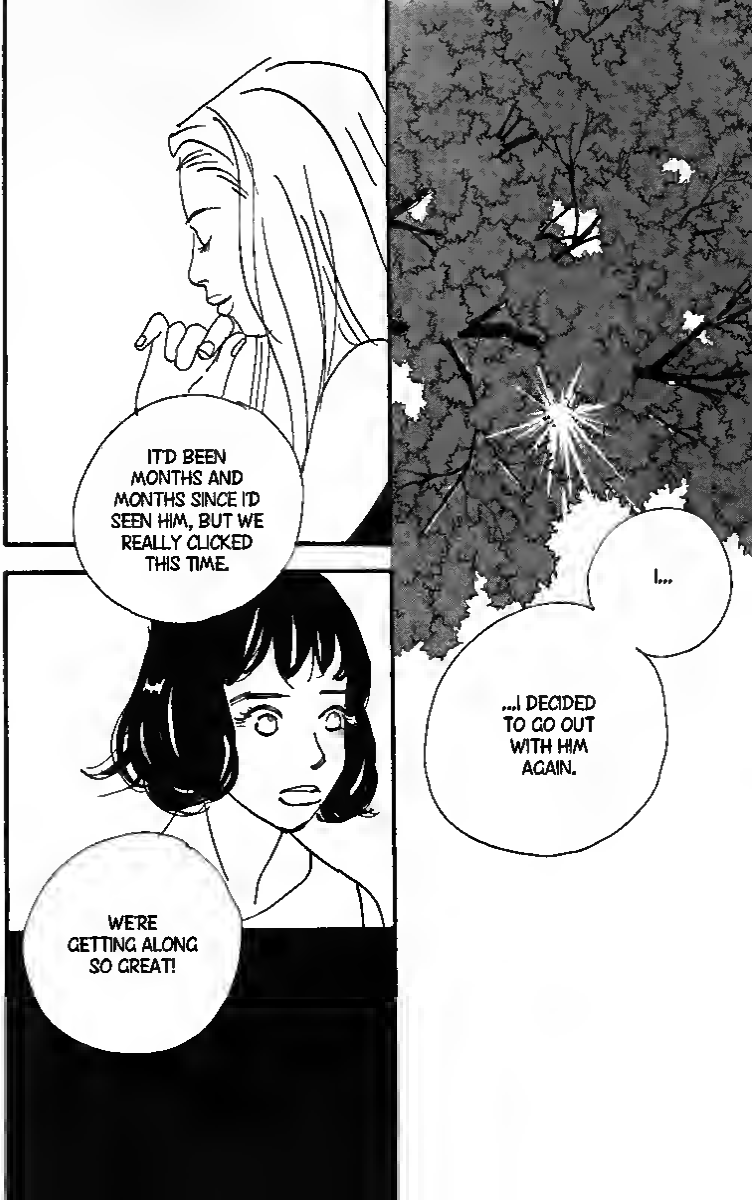

WHY DO YOU CARE? IT'LL BE MORE FUN WITH HIM THAN WITH JUST THE TWO OF US.
I DON'T WANT TO HANG WITH HIM.
I WANT IT TO BE JUST THE TWO OF US.
HE TOLD ME HE HAD NO PLANS TONIGHT, AND SO I ASKED HIM TO JOIN US FOR DINNER LATER.
WHAT! WHY?
TOO LATE. I'VE ALREADY INVITED HIM, AND I DON'T HAVE HIS CELL NUMBER TO CANCEL.

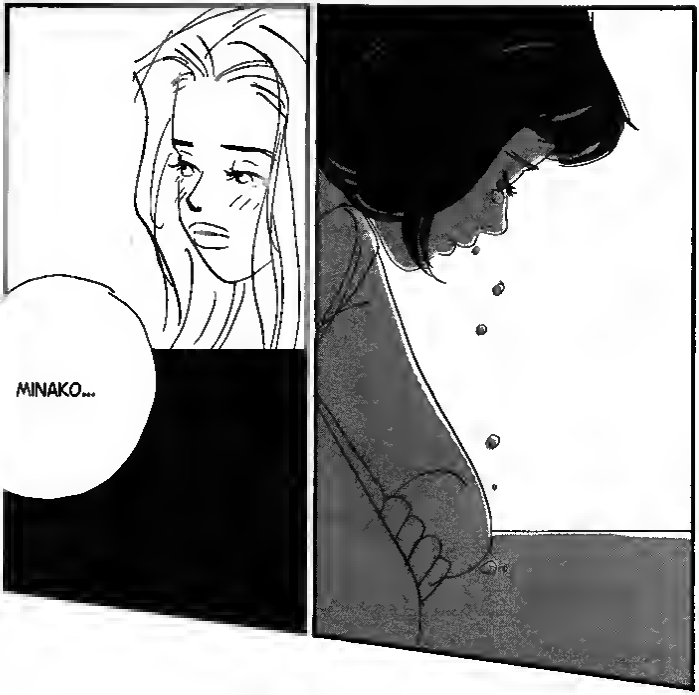
YOU'RE SO MEAN, SAKI!

WHY?
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS TRY TO HOOK UP WITH OTHER PEOPLE?
I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE EVER COULD.

WHY NOT ME?

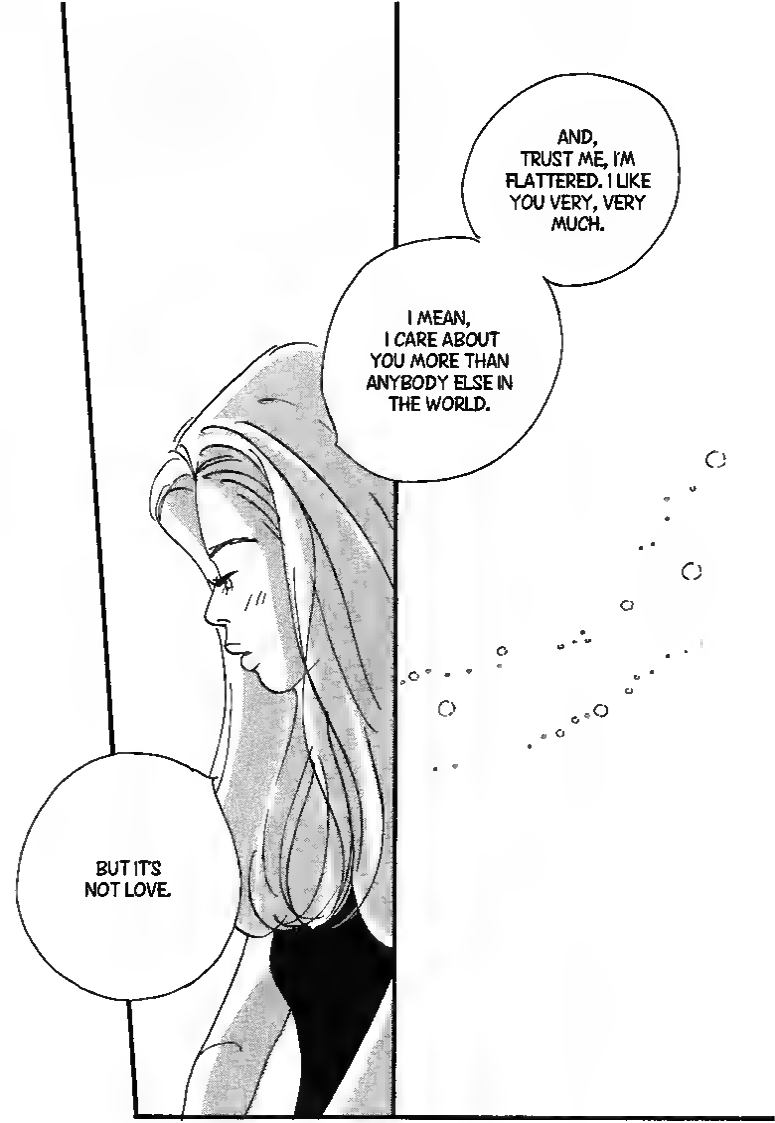
I WAS SHOCKED, BUT...
...YUKIMURA PAID FOR EVERYTHING.
YOU REALLY SHOULD HAVE COME ALONG.
HEY, MINAKO...
OH, REALLY?


IT'D BEEN MONTHS AND MONTHS SINCE I'D SEEN HIM, BUT WE REALLY CLICKED THIS TIME.
WE'RE GETTING ALONG SO GREAT!
I...
...I DECIDED TO GO OUT WITH HIM AGAIN.



I'M SORRY, MINAKO.

LATELY, I'VE BEEN GETTING THIS VIBE THAT YOU LIKE ME AS MORE THAN A FRIEND.


AND, TRUST ME, I'M FLATTERED. I LIKE YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.
I MEAN, I CARE ABOUT YOU MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE IN THE WORLD.
BUT IT'S NOT LOVE.

I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH YOU, AND I NEVER WILL BE.
IF YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH THAT, MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T HANG OUT ANYMORE.

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS HER BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
SHE JUST DOESN'T GET IT!
SAKI IS SO STUPID.

THAT GUY IS GOING TO HURT HER SOMETIME SOON.

SAKI IS GOING TO GET HER HEART CRUSHED INTO A MILLION PIECES AGAIN.

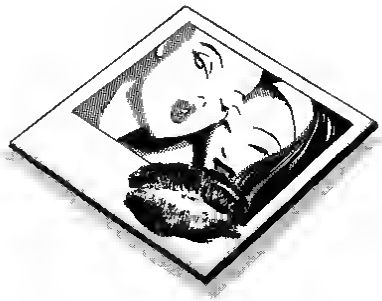
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT.

I'LL BE WAITING TO PICK UP THE PIECES.

YOU SEE,
SAKI...

I'LL NEVER
LET YOU DOWN.

I'M WITH YOU
ALL THE TIME.



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I WISH SAKI NEVER DISCOVERED MY TRUE FEELINGS.

IF SHE DIDN'T, I COULD BE WITH HER EVEN NOW...

HELLO. SAKI?
IT'S MINAKO.

WOW, LONG TIME NO TALK!!
SORRY. DID I WAKE YOU UP?
NO, NOT REALLY.
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?

UM, REALLY?
AND, ACTUALLY, I WAS WONDERING IF I COULD ASK YOU A FAVOR...
GREAT! I'M DATING THIS GUY I'M REALLY INTO.
SURE.
WHY DON'T WE, AAAAH, GET TOGETHER NEXT WEEK?
AH, AH, OKAY.

IT WAS MINAKO. DON'T DO THAT WHILE I'M ON THE PHONE!
WOW, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. HOW'S SHE DOING?
WHO WAS IT?
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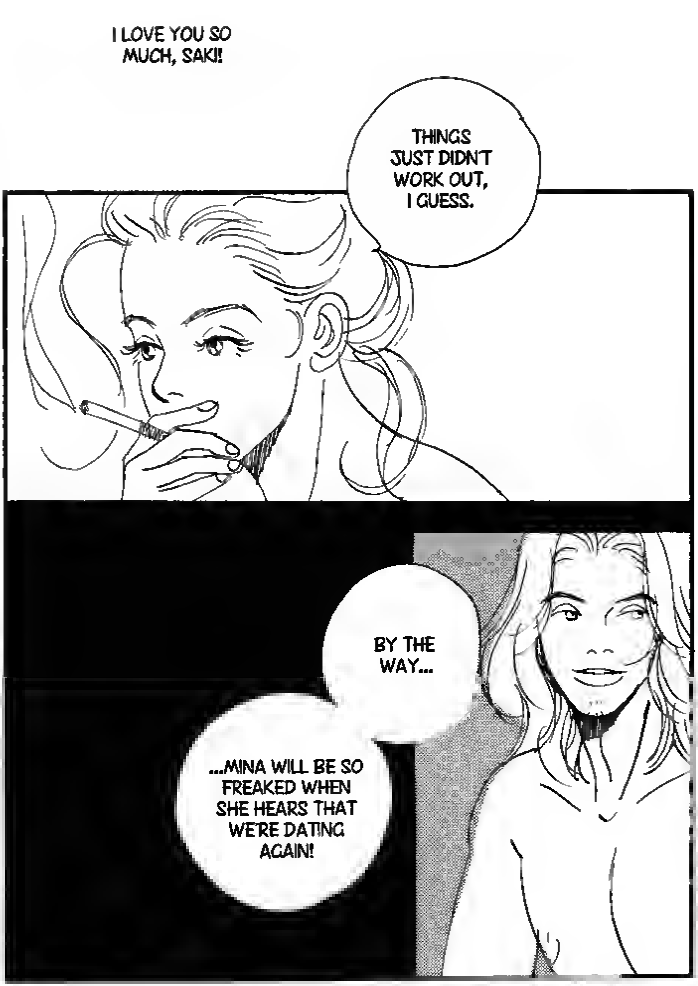
I DON'T KNOW.
DID YOU GUYS HAVE A FIGHT?
YOU DON'T SEE HER ANYMORE?
NO, IT WASN'T LIKE THAT.


SAKI!
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, SAKI!
THINGS JUST DIDN'T WORK OUT, I GUESS.
BY THE WAY...
...MINA WILL BE SO FREAKED WHEN SHE HEARS THAT WE'RE DATING AGAIN!

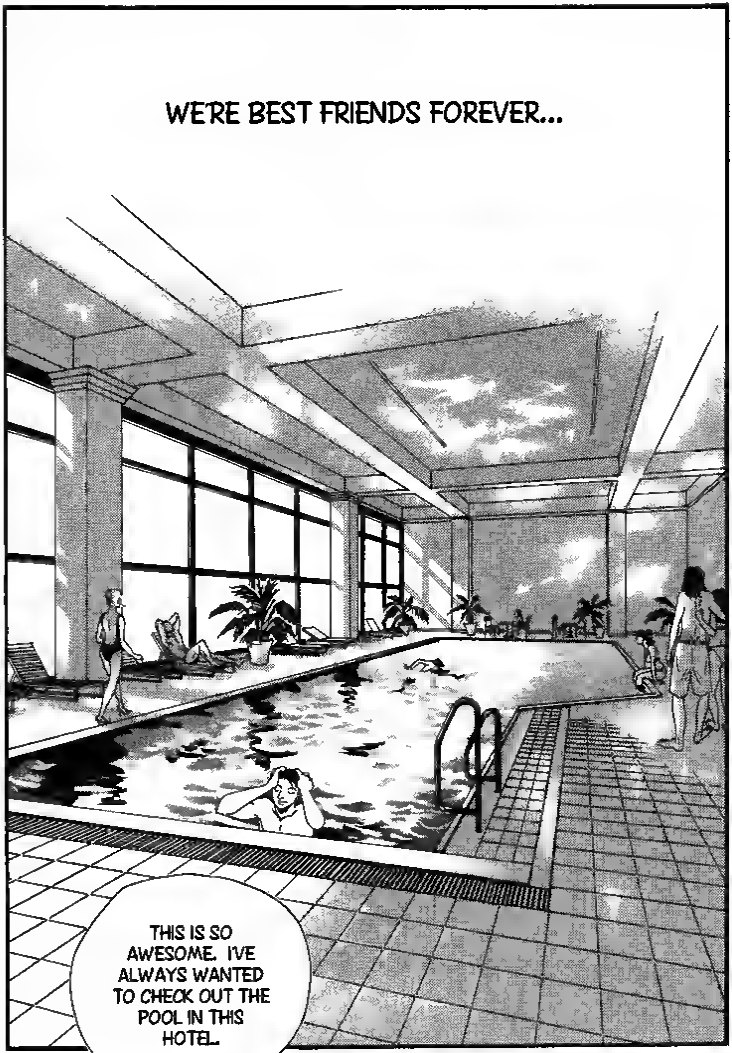
YOU HURT ME. YOU KNOW THAT...
AAAAAH...
WELL, SHE'S NOT GONNA FIND OUT. THERE'S NO WAY I'M TELLING HER ABOUT US.
SHE THINKS THAT YOU'RE EVIL.
WHY? HOW DID I GET SUCH A BAD REPUTATION?
AH, UM...
OKAY, I'M A BAD GUY. BUT YOU'RE JUST AS BAD AS I AM, MISSY.
YOU'RE HERE NAKED WITH ME, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE A NEW BOYFRIEND...

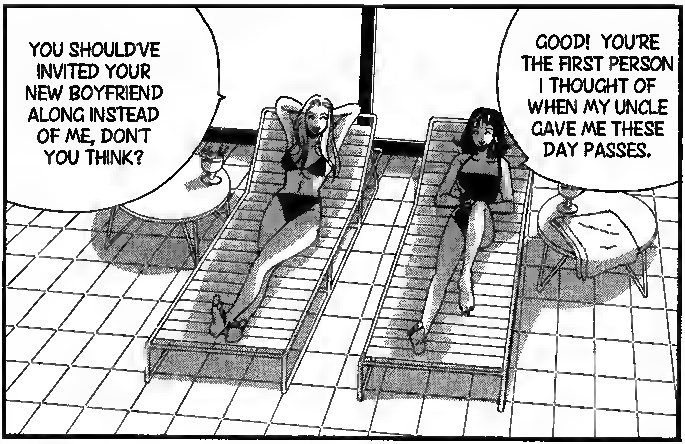
I HAVE NO CHOICE.
HMM...
'CAUSE YOU USE YOUR TONGUE SO MUCH BETTER THAN HIM!
YOU'RE SUCH A LITTLE SLUT!
GOOD THING THAT WE COULD TALK LIKE BEFORE.

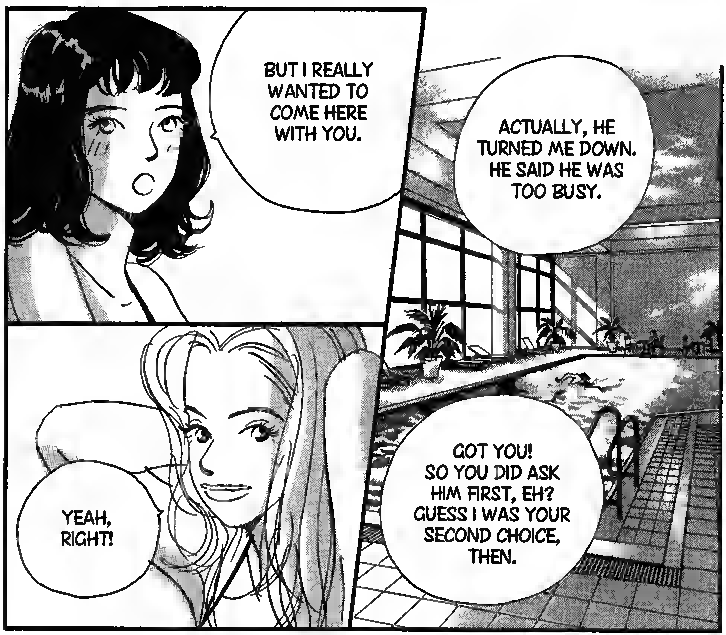
BUT EVERYTHING IS GONNA BE ALL RIGHT NOW.
WE CAN HANG OUT ALL THE TIME JUST LIKE WE USED TO.
SAKI IS SO STUBBORN, I'LL HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FIRST.

I JUST KNOW IT.

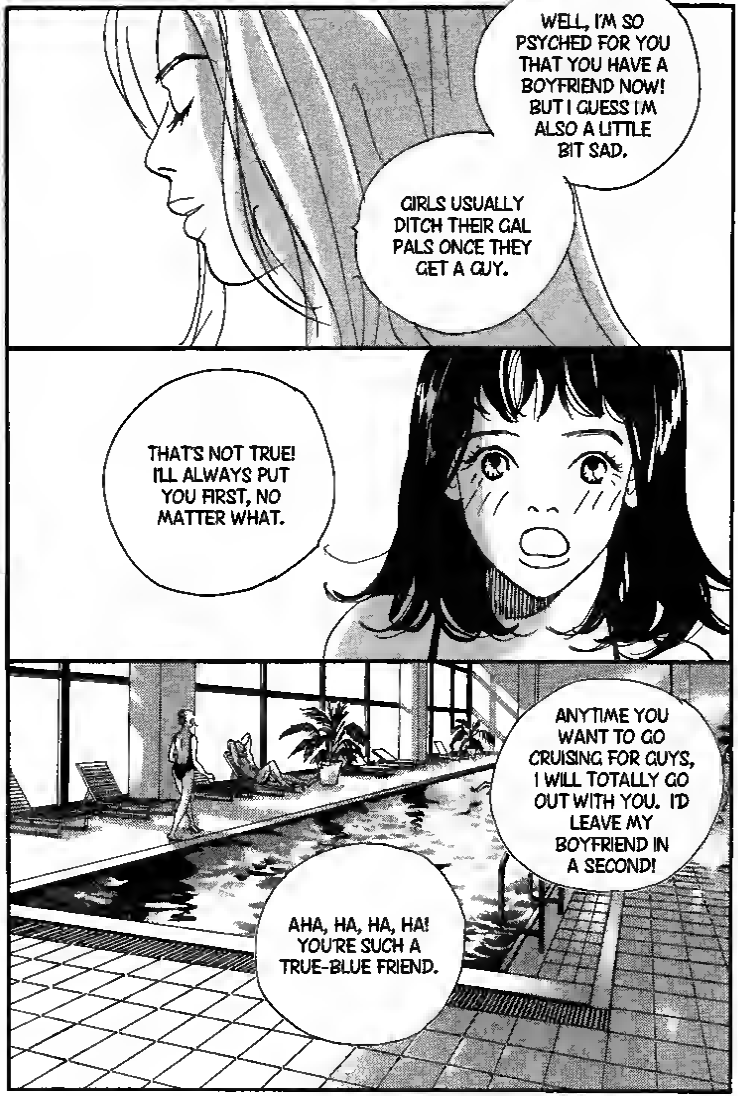
SAKI SOUNDS SO LONELY WITHOUT ME!

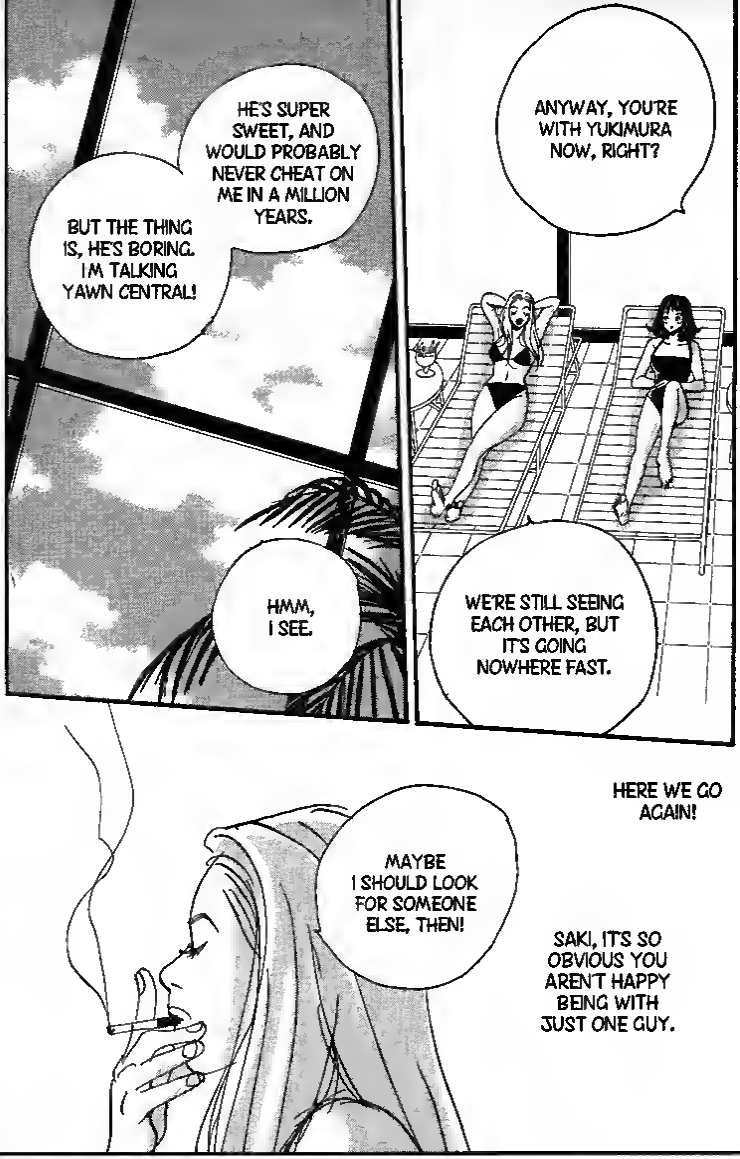

WE'RE BEST FRIENDS FOREVER...
THIS IS SO AWESOME. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO CHECK OUT THE POOL IN THIS HOTEL.


YOU SHOULD'VE INVITED YOUR NEW BOYFRIEND ALONG INSTEAD OF ME, DON'T YOU THINK?
GOOD! YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I THOUGHT OF WHEN MY UNCLE GAVE ME THESE DAY PASSES.


BUT I REALLY WANTED TO COME HERE WITH YOU.
ACTUALLY, HE TURNED ME DOWN. HE SAID HE WAS TOO BUSY.
YEAH, RIGHT!
GOT YOU! SO YOU DID ASK HIM FIRST, EH? GUESS I WAS YOUR SECOND CHOICE, THEN.

SO TELL ME ABOUT YOUR NEW MAN. WHAT'S HE LIKE?
WHAT DOES HE DO? HOW DID YOU MEET HIM?
HMM, LET'S SEE...
DID YOU ALREADY SLEEP WITH HIM?
UH, YES.
DO TELL! HOW WAS IT?
WELL, IT'S KIND OF HARD TO GIVE IT A RATING.
IT'S CRUCIAL TO DATE SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING IN THE BEDROOM.
OH, I KNOW THAT!

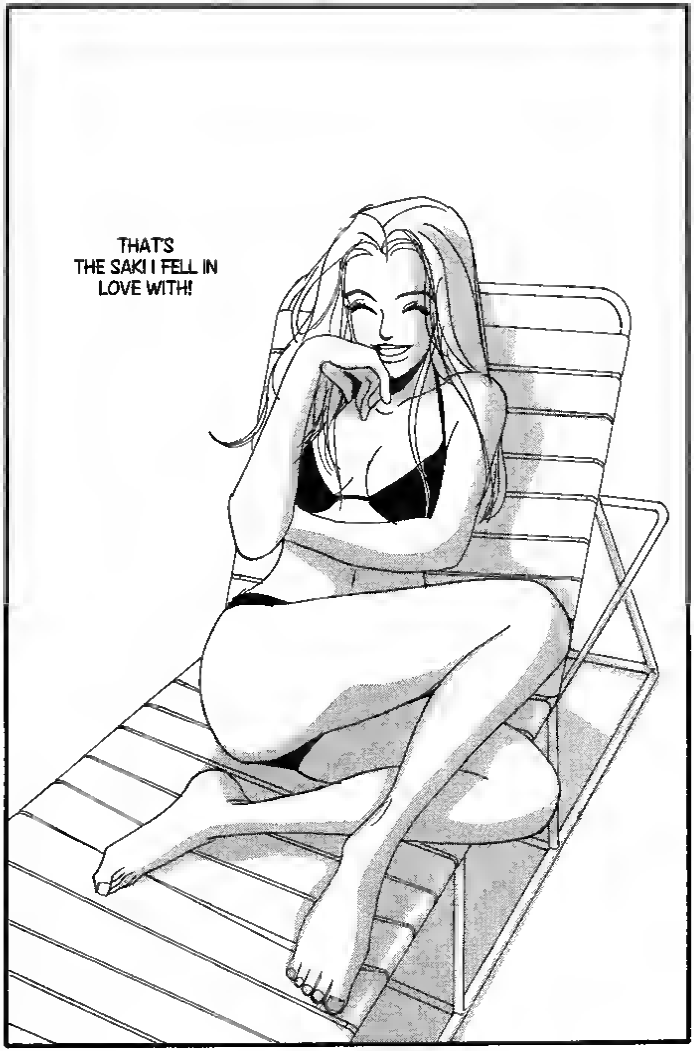

WELL, I'M SO PSYCHED FOR YOU THAT YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND NOW! BUT I GUESS I'M ALSO A LITTLE BIT SAD.
GIRLS USUALLY DITCH THEIR GAL PALS ONCE THEY GET A GUY.
THAT'S NOT TRUE! I'LL ALWAYS PUT YOU FIRST, NO MATTER WHAT.
ANYTIME YOU WANT TO GO CRUISING FOR GUYS, I WILL TOTALLY GO OUT WITH YOU. I'D LEAVE MY BOYFRIEND IN A SECOND!
AHA, HA, HA, HA! YOU'RE SUCH A TRUE-BLUE FRIEND.


ANYWAY, YOU'RE WITH YUKIMURA NOW, RIGHT?
WE'RE STILL SEEING EACH OTHER, BUT IT'S GOING NOWHERE FAST.
HE'S SUPER SWEET, AND WOULD PROBABLY NEVER CHEAT ON ME IN A MILLION YEARS.
BUT THE THING IS, HE'S BORING. I'M TALKING YAWN CENTRAL!
HMM, I SEE.
HERE WE GO AGAIN!
MAYBE I SHOULD LOOK FOR SOMEONE ELSE, THEN!
SAKI, IT'S SO OBVIOUS YOU AREN'T HAPPY BEING WITH JUST ONE GUY.

WHAT GUYS?!
SEE THOSE TWO GUYS WITH LONG HAIR OVER THERE?
THOSE GUYS? NO WAY! THEY'RE UGLY!
HEY!
DON'T YOU THINK THOSE GUYS OVER THERE ARE CUTE?
WHO?

YES, THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD BE!

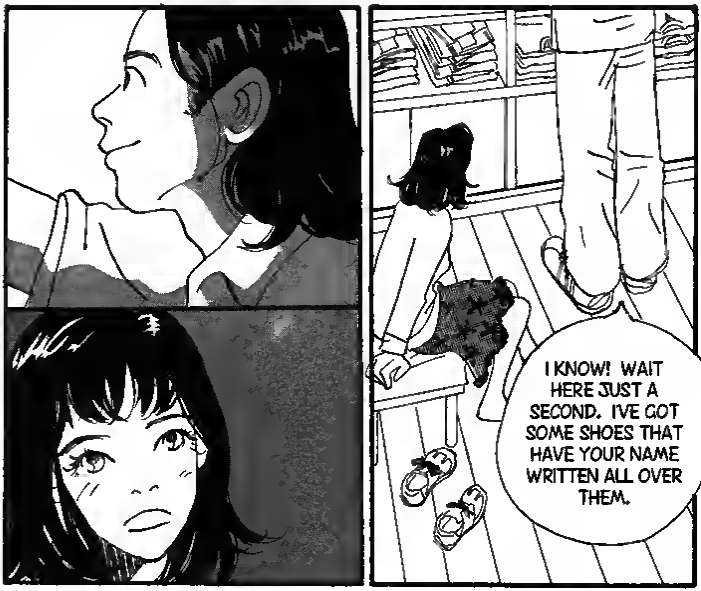
SAKI IS SUCH A FREE SPIRIT. SHE SHOULDN'T BELONG TO ANYONE.

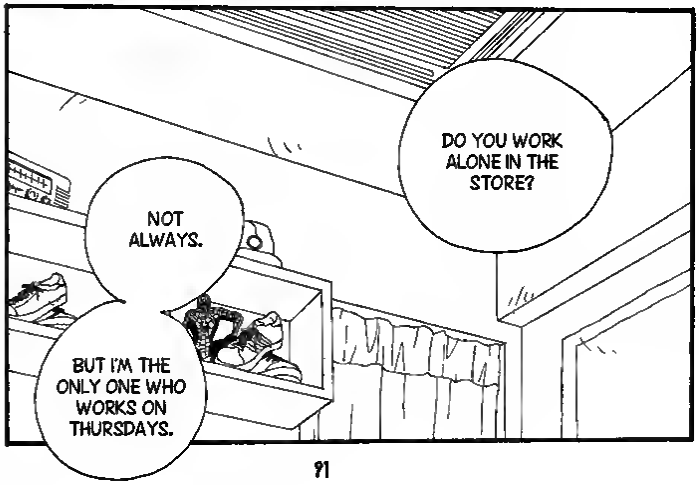

THAT'S
THE SAKI I FELL IN
LOVE WITH!

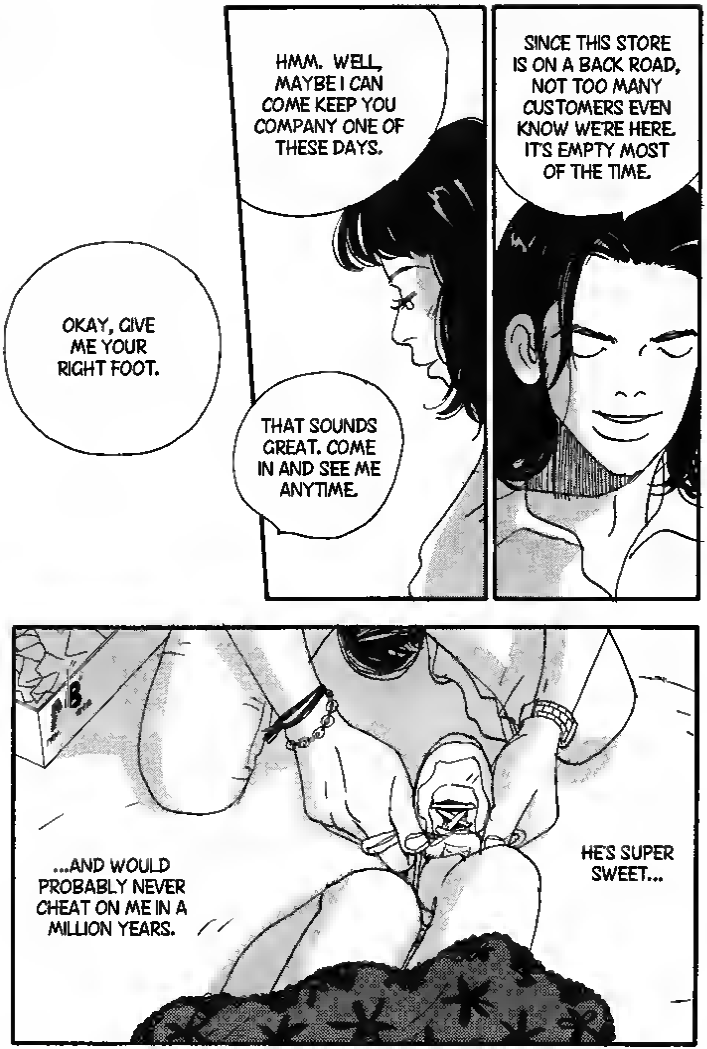
I DON'T NEED ANY NAME BRANDS OR ANYTHING FANCY...
SO, WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE STORE WHERE YUKIMURA IS WORKING?
LET'S SEE, YOU NEED SOME SNEAKERS.
WELL...
IT'S A SMALL SHOP, BUT THEY HAVE SOME GOOD STUFF.
BETTE.M
MARION

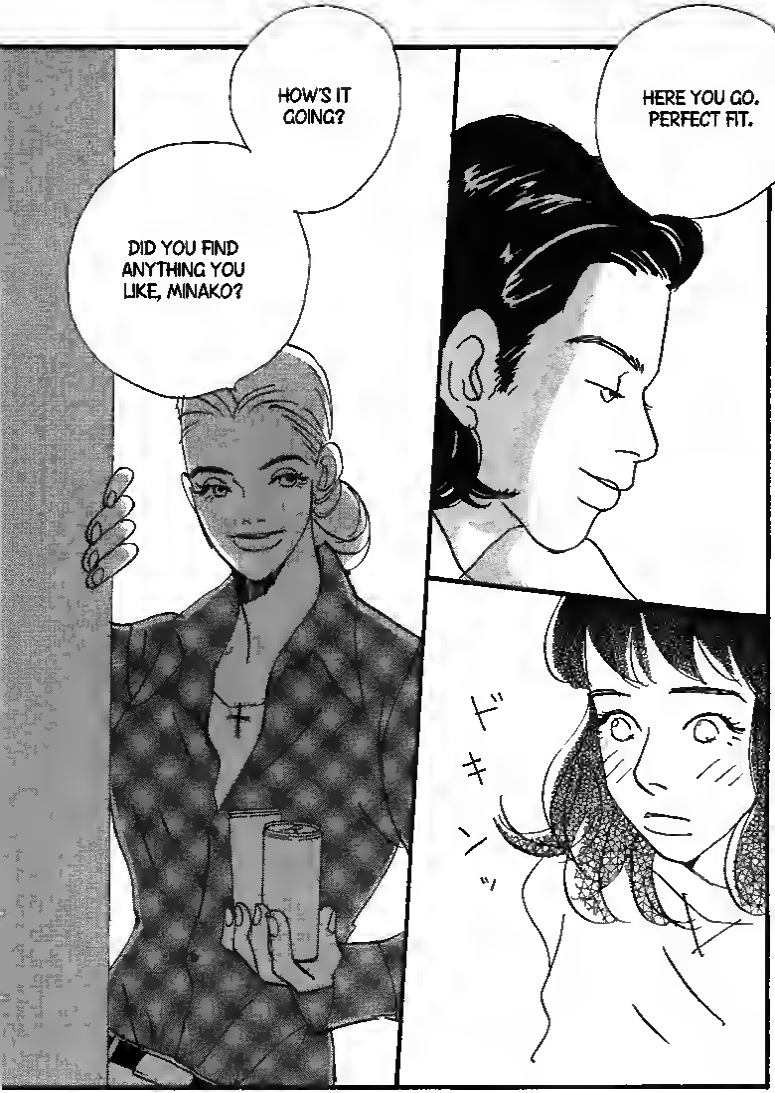
FLOR
HELLO.
OPEN
HEY, YOU!
FLORIDA
NIKE
HEY, YUKIMURA.
MINAKO IS LOOKING FOR SOME SNEAKERS.
OH, WE JUST GOT A BUNCH OF COOL GIRLS' SNEAKERS!

I DON'T LIKE SEEING SAKI WITH HIM.
SHE SAID HE WAS BORING, BUT SHE STILL LEANS ON HIM LIKE THAT.
HOW ABOUT THESE?
HEY, I'M GONNA GET SOME JUICE. DO YOU WANT ANYTHING TO DRINK?
A CUP OF JOE WOULD BE GREAT.
UM...
NIKE


I KNOW! WAIT HERE JUST A SECOND. I'VE GOT SOME SHOES THAT HAVE YOUR NAME WRITTEN ALL OVER THEM.


DO YOU WORK ALONE IN THE STORE?
NOT ALWAYS.
BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO WORKS ON THURSDAYS.


SINCE THIS STORE IS ON A BACK ROAD, NOT TOO MANY CUSTOMERS EVEN KNOW WE'RE HERE. IT'S EMPTY MOST OF THE TIME.
HMM. WELL, MAYBE I CAN COME KEEP YOU COMPANY ONE OF THESE DAYS.
THAT SOUNDS GREAT. COME IN AND SEE ME ANYTIME.
OKAY, GIVE ME YOUR RIGHT FOOT.
HE'S SUPER SWEET...
...AND WOULD PROBABLY NEVER CHEAT ON ME IN A MILLION YEARS.


HOW'S IT GOING?
DID YOU FIND ANYTHING YOU LIKE, MINAKO?
HERE YOU GO. PERFECT FIT.
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YEP.
I'LL TAKE THESE.
FLORIDA

THAT SOUNDS GREAT. COME IN AND SEE ME ANYTIME.
YOU KNOW, SAKI,
I'M NOT DATING ANYONE RIGHT NOW. I LIED TO YOU.

BUT, YOU NEVER
KNOW...

IT MIGHT JUST
BECOME TRUE.

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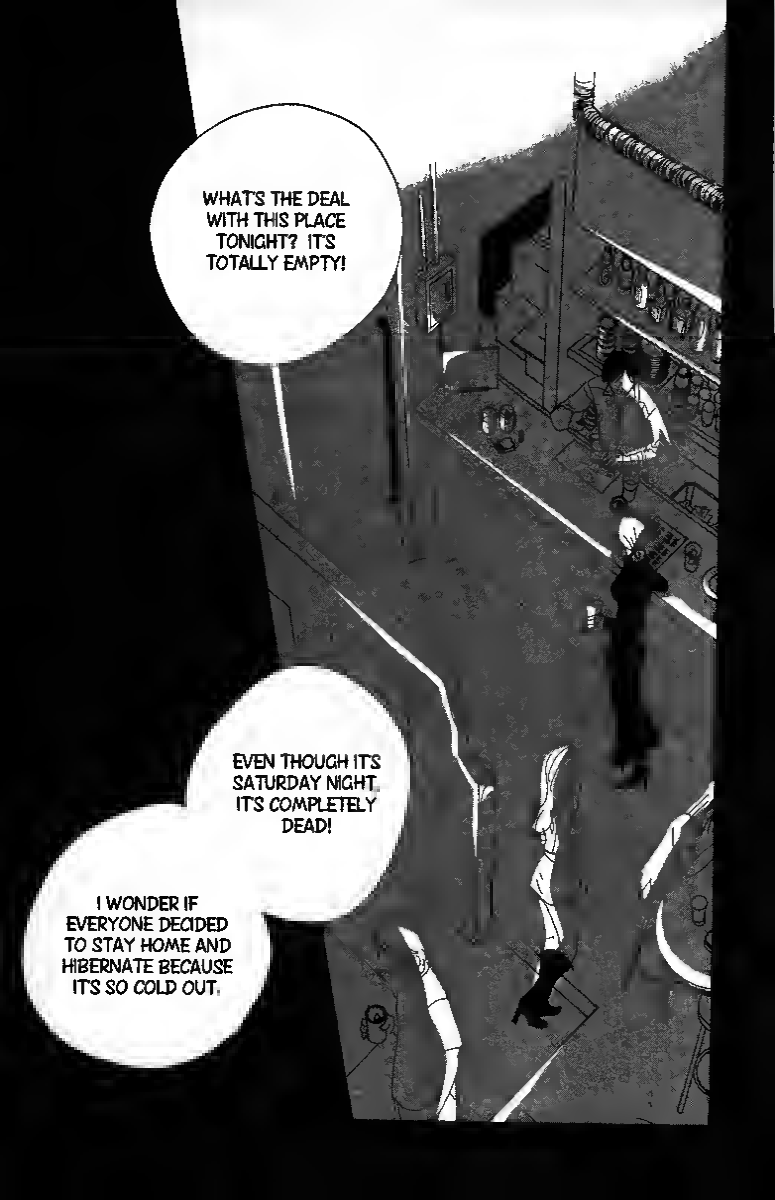
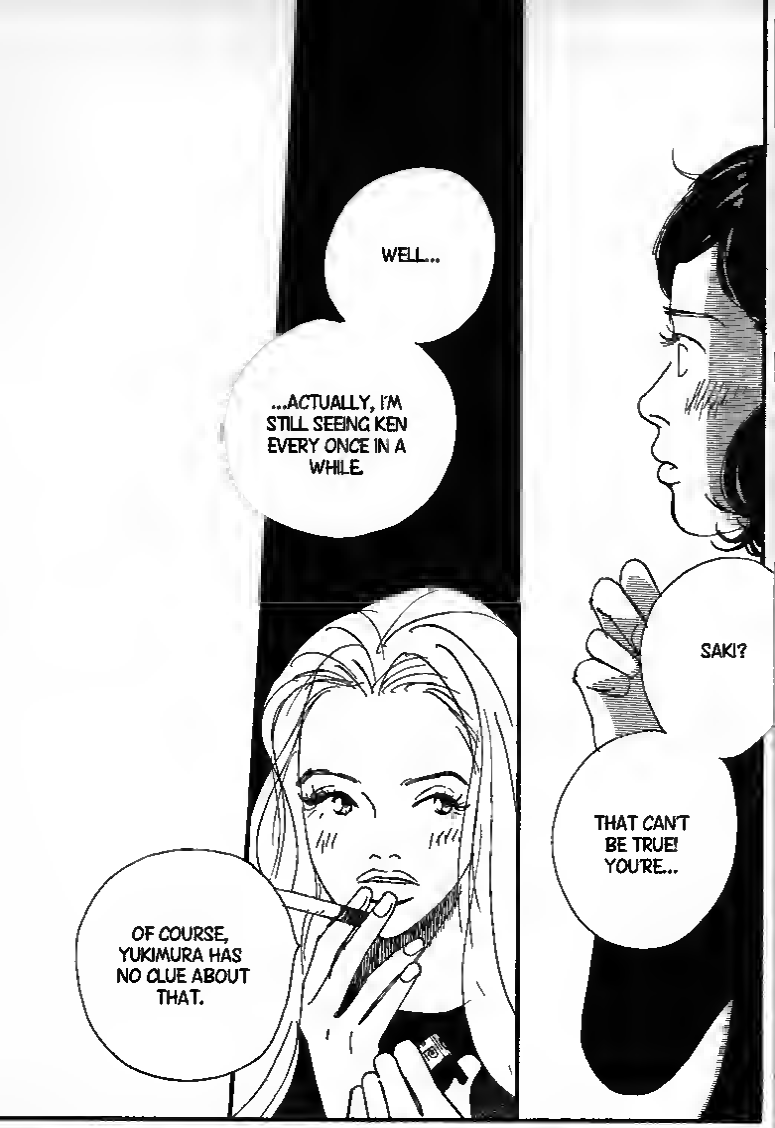

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS PLACE TONIGHT? IT'S TOTALLY EMPTY!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT, IT'S COMPLETELY DEAD!
I WONDER IF EVERYONE DECIDED TO STAY HOME AND HIBERNATE BECAUSE IT'S SO COLD OUT.

THERE AREN'T ANY CUTE GUYS HERE. I'M BORED.
HEY, MINAKO, WHY DON'T WE GO TO ANOTHER BAR?
GEEZ, SAKI, YOU'RE SO IMPATIENT!
WE JUST GOT HERE, AND IT'S EARLY. THINGS WILL PICK UP.
I PROPOSE A TOAST...
..."TO OUR BORING EVENING!"

ANYWAY, ISN'T THERE A BOY HERE WHO I CAN FALL INTO LUST AT FIRST SIGHT WITH?
SO WHAT? YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND, TOO. DON'T YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU ALREADY HAVE YUKIMURA.
UH, I'M NOT TRYING TO HOOK UP TONIGHT. I DON'T NEED A NEW BOYFRIEND.
BUT WHAT?
WELL, THE THING IS, YUKIMURA...
...IS SO NICE TO ME, BUT...
UM...HE DOESN'T SATISFY ME, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

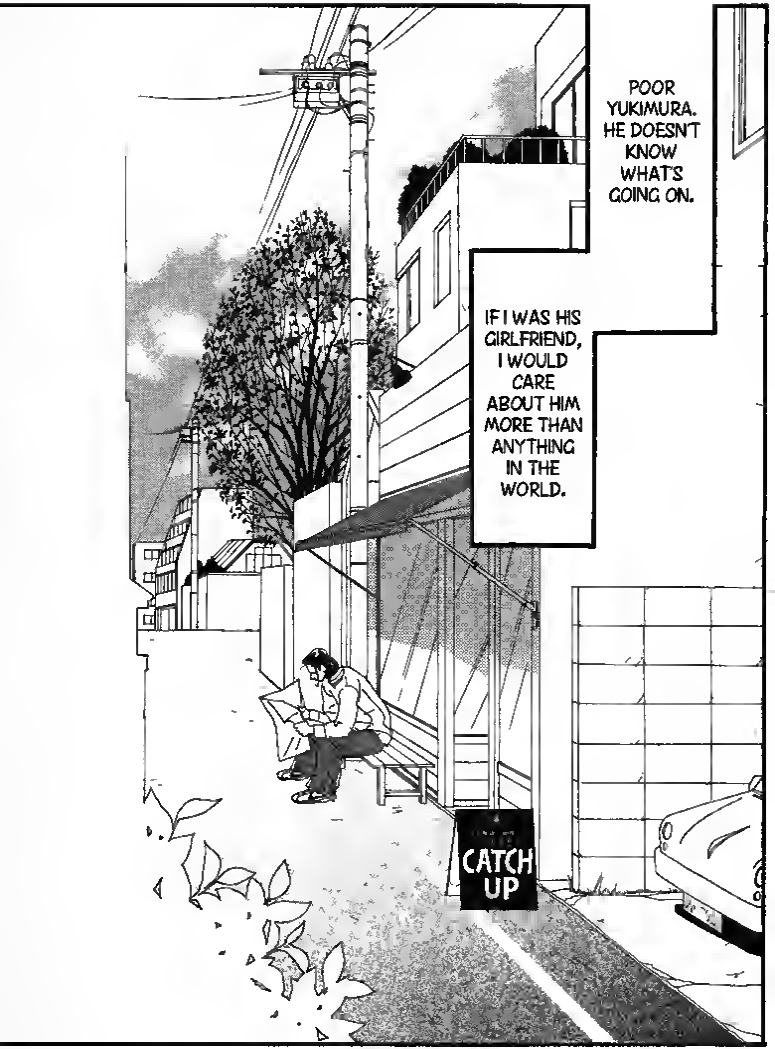
DON'T GET ME WRONG. HE'S SUPER SWEET AND ALL.
BUT I NEED SOMEONE WHO'S MORE WILD AND EXCITING.
KEN?!
SAKI...
...
SURE, YUKIMURA MAKES ME FEEL RELAXED AND TOTALLY SAFE...
...BUT I CAN'T HELP COMPARING HIM TO KEN.

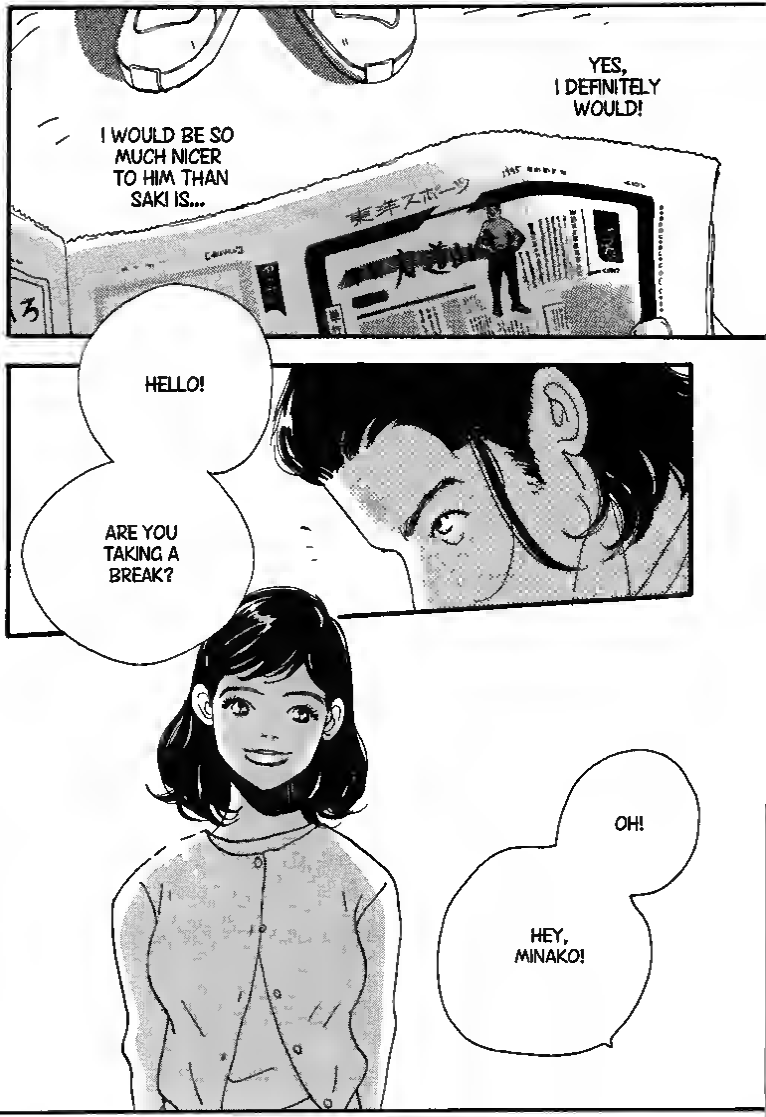

WELL...
...ACTUALLY, I'M STILL SEEING KEN EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.
SAKI?
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE! YOU'RE...
OF COURSE, YUKIMURA HAS NO CLUE ABOUT THAT.

MY DEAR SAKI...
WHY?
WOW!
THOSE GUYS WHO JUST WALKED IN ARE MAJORLY CUTE, DON'T YOU THINK?
I'M GONNA GO CHECK 'EM OUT.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO YUKIMURA. POOR GUY!
THIS IS SO TERRIBLE, SAKI!
AND, WORST OF ALL, YOU'RE CHEATING WITH A BASTARD LIKE KEN!

HE'S SUCH A SCUMBAG.
I LOVE YOU, MINA!
PLEASE TELL SAKI THAT SHE'S THE ONLY ONE FOR ME.
SAKI, WHY THE HELL ARE YOU STILL SEEING HIM?
YOU'RE SO FREAKING BEAUTIFUL...
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HER!
MIIIIIIIIIII- NAAAAAAAAAAA!

MY DARING SAKI...
THIS IS TAKESHI AND THIS IS JUN.
THEY'RE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL!
YO!
WHAT'S UP?
DO YOU MIND IF I STEAL YOUR BOYFRIEND?

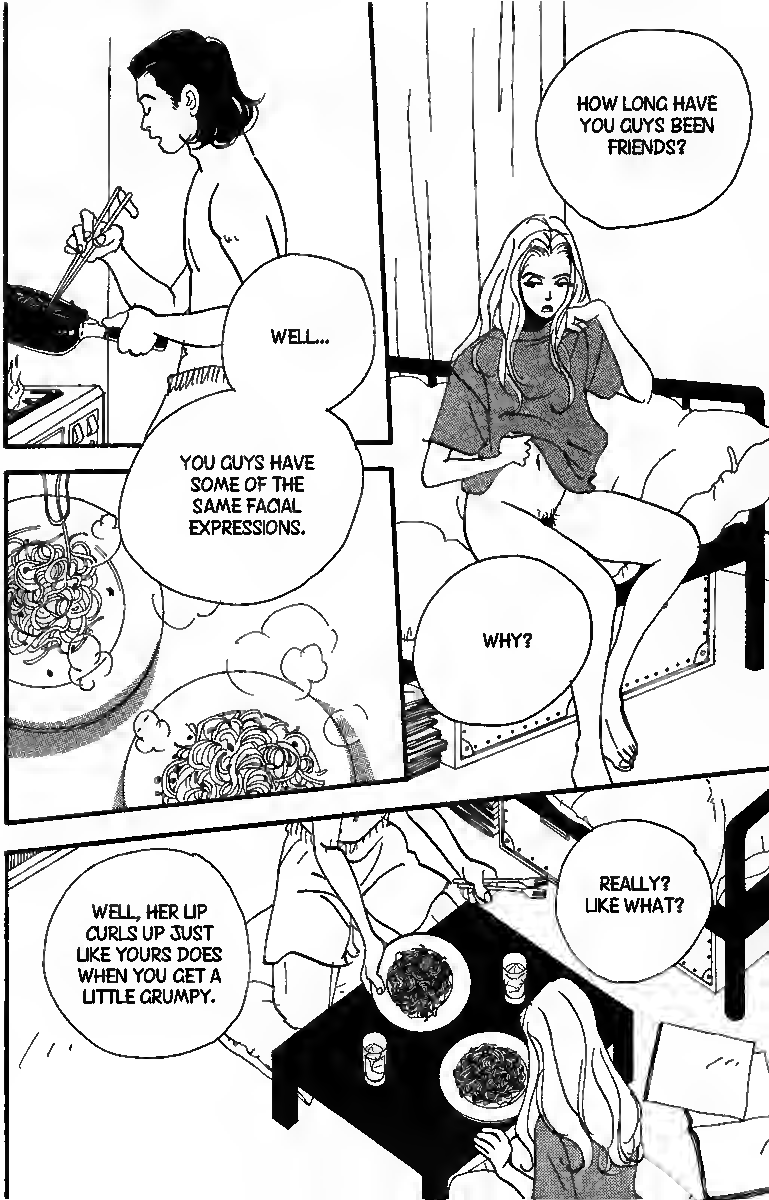

POOR YUKIMURA. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.
IF I WAS HIS GIRLFRIEND, I WOULD CARE ABOUT HIM MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD.
CATCH UP


YES, I DEFINITELY WOULD!
I WOULD BE SO MUCH NICER TO HIM THAN SAKI IS...
東洋スポーツ
HELLO!
ARE YOU TAKING A BREAK?
OH!
HEY, MINAKO!

YEAH, AND IT'S SOOOO BORING! I'M SO GLAD YOU STOPPED BY.
I WAS RUNNING SOME ERRANDS NEAR HERE, SO I THOUGHT I'D COME BY AND SEE YOU.
AH-HA!
I'D RECOGNIZE THOSE SNEAKERS ANYWHERE!
YOU SAID YOU WORK ALONE ON THURSDAYS.
YEP, I LOVE 'EM! THEY FIT PERFECTLY.

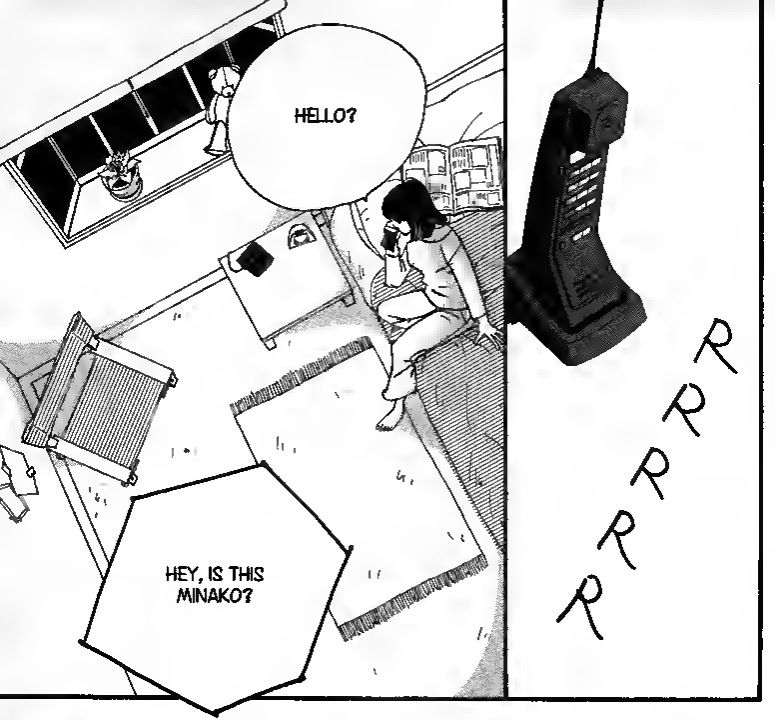
AND I WANNA SHOW YOU MY APPRECIATION SOMEHOW. 'CAUSE I REALLY LOOOOOVE THESE SNEAKERS.
OF COURSE. 'CAUSE I PICKED THEM FOR YOU!
OH, IT'S NO BIG DEAL. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
HEY, HOW ABOUT THIS?
I CAN COME TO YOUR PLACE AND COOK DINNER FOR YOU WHEN YOU HAVE TIME.
OPEN
WOW! THAT'S TOO MUCH. IT'S REALLY OKAY.
WHY?
DO YOU THINK IT WOULD MAKE SAKI UPSET?

NO.
IT'S NOT THAT. I JUST HATE TO PUT YOU OUT LIKE THAT.
YOU'RE NOT PUTTING ME OUT.
I ACTUALLY LOVE TO COOK.
JUST THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANNA EAT AND CALL ME SOON.
MINAKO 3719-XXXX
PROMISE?!
WHAT ABOUT MINAKO?


HOW LONG HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN FRIENDS?
WELL...
YOU GUYS HAVE SOME OF THE SAME FACIAL EXPRESSIONS.
WHY?
REALLY? LIKE WHAT?
WELL, HER LIP CURLS UP JUST LIKE YOURS DOES WHEN YOU GET A LITTLE GRUMPY.

I MEAN, I HARDLY EVEN KNOW HER!
YUKIMURA, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HER OR SOMETHING?
THEN WHY DID YOU START ASKING ME ABOUT MINAKO NOW?
ISN'T SHE MORE YOUR TYPE THAN I AM?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? OF COURSE NOT!
STOP!
DO YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH HER?!
YOU'RE BEING RIDICULOUS.

I WOULDN'T GET HARD IF I WAS WITH ANOTHER GIRL. YOU'RE THE ONLY WOMAN WHO DOES IT FOR ME.
AH, AH, UM...
...
YUM!


HELLO?
HEY, IS THIS MINAKO?
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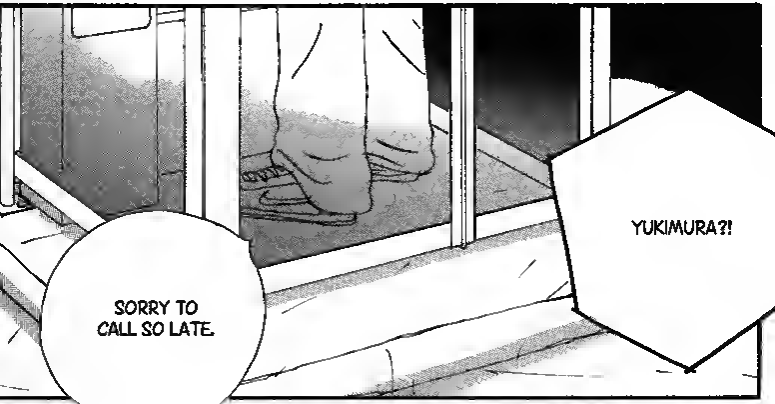
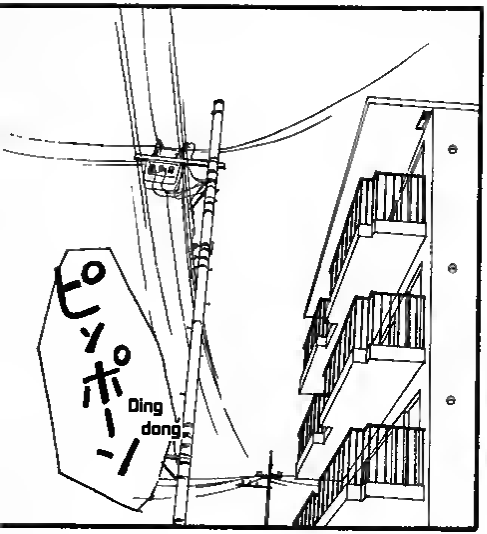

SORRY TO CALL SO LATE.
YUKIMURA?!

I'D NEVER DO THAT.
ANYWAY, I'M OFF THIS MONDAY AND FRIDAY.
I WAS AFRAID THAT YOU'D BLOWN ME OFF.
NO PROBLEM. I'M SO HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU!
SURE. I'M FREE ANY OF THOSE DAYS.
SO I CAN GET TOGETHER THEN, OR SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

SEE, SAKI!

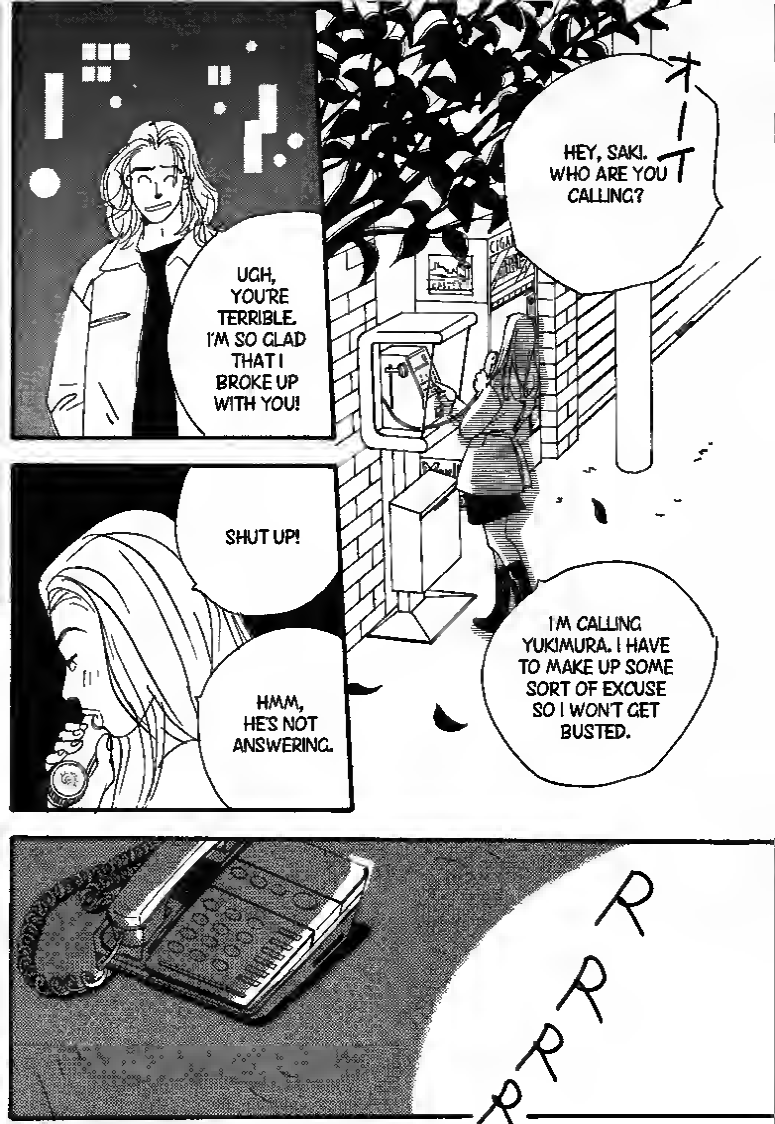


THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, SAKI.

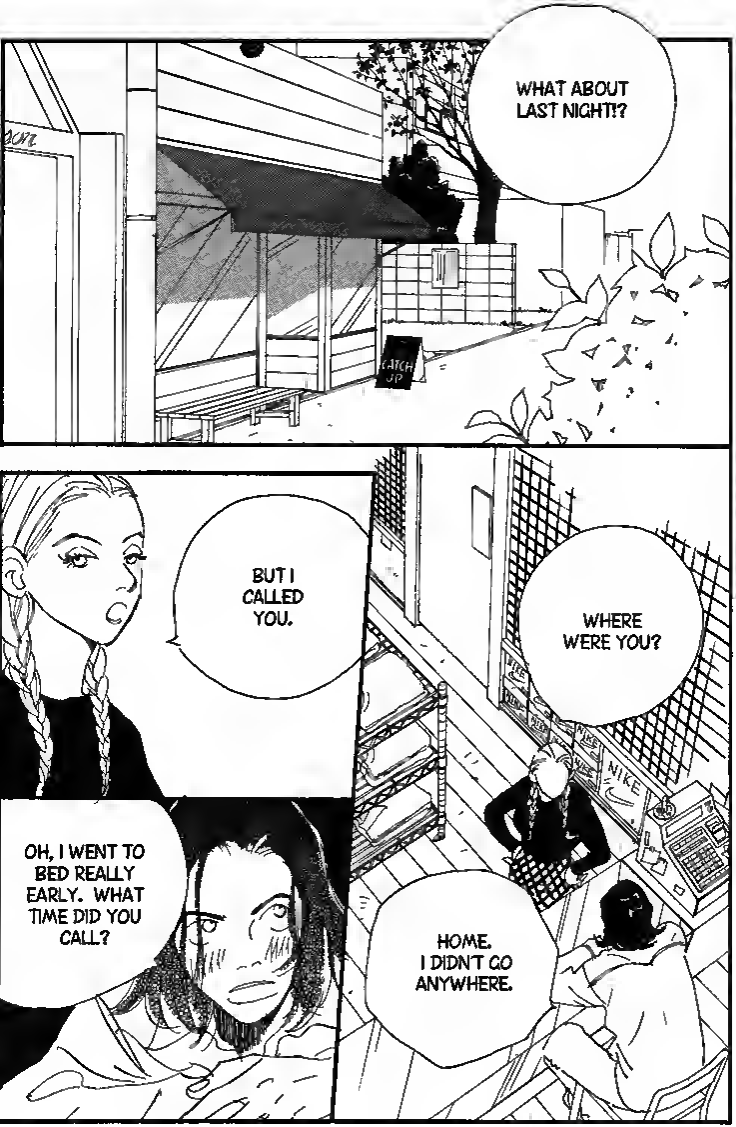
'CAUSE YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT HIM ENOUGH.

HE'S SO SWEET, SAKI, AND YOU JUST TAKE HIM FOR GRANTED!
I'M SORRY, MINAKO. BUT I CAN'T DO THIS.
DO YOU FEEL GUILTY BECAUSE OF SAKI?

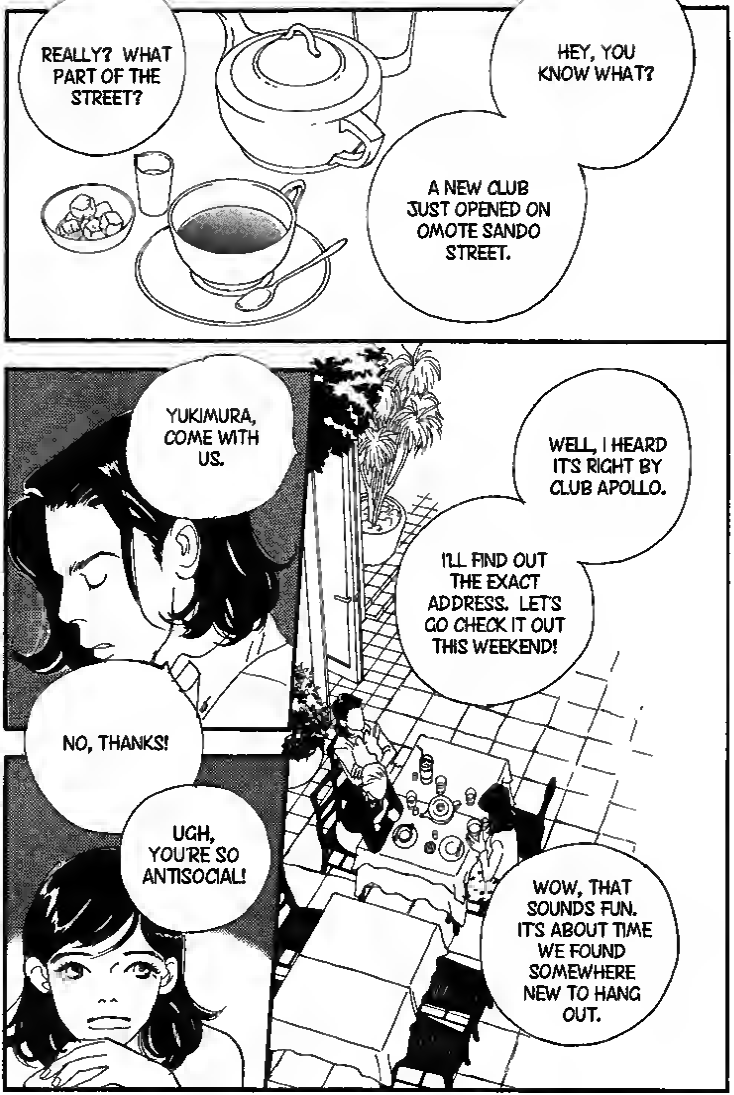
MINAKO...
I KNOW THAT YOU'RE HER BOYFRIEND, BUT I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT YOU.
I LIKE YOU...
I LIKE YOU SO MUCH...


UGH, YOU'RE TERRIBLE. I'M SO GLAD THAT I BROKE UP WITH YOU!
HEY, SAKI. WHO ARE YOU CALLING?
SHUT UP!
HMM, HE'S NOT ANSWERING.
I'M CALLING YUKIMURA. I HAVE TO MAKE UP SOME SORT OF EXCUSE SO I WON'T GET BUSTED.
PRRRR

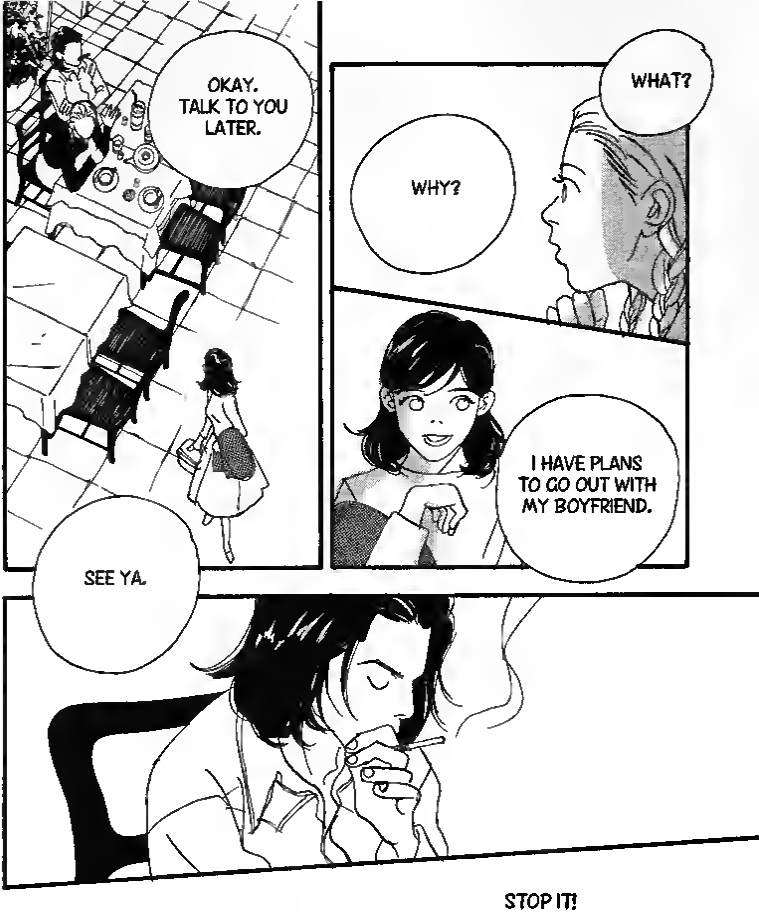
MAYBE HE'S BUSY CHEATING ON YOU, TOO.
I WONDER IF HE'S ALREADY IN BED.
R R R
R R R
R R R
NO WAY. HE'S NOT LIKE YOU.


WHAT ABOUT LAST NIGHT!?
BUT I CALLED YOU.
WHERE WERE YOU?
OH, I WENT TO BED REALLY EARLY. WHAT TIME DID YOU CALL?
HOME. I DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE.

OH.
YUKIMURA, YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME THE TRUTH!!
MINAKO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
キィ
YES, I AM. I TOTALLY CRASHED OUT.
AH...I JUST NEEDED TO PICK SOMETHING UP AROUND HERE, SO I THOUGHT I'D STOP IN.
OH. WELL, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK, YUKIMURA, AND WE CAN ALL CATCH UP?
AH...OKAY.


REALLY? WHAT PART OF THE STREET?
HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT?
A NEW CLUB JUST OPENED ON OMOTE SANDO STREET.
YUKIMURA, COME WITH US.
WELL, I HEARD IT'S RIGHT BY CLUB APOLLO.
I'LL FIND OUT THE EXACT ADDRESS. LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT THIS WEEKEND!
NO, THANKS!
UGH, YOU'RE SO ANTISOCIAL!
WOW, THAT SOUNDS FUN. IT'S ABOUT TIME WE FOUND SOMEWHERE NEW TO HANG OUT.

WHAT'S WRONG, YUKIMURA?
WHY WON'T YOU LOOK AT ME?
THIS FEELS REALLY GOOD.
MINAKO, YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL.
WAS IT ALL A LIE?
UM, I'VE GOT TO GO NOW.



STOP IT!

STOP LOOKING LIKE YOU'RE RELIEVED.

DO YOU LOVE HER MORE THAN ME, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S CHEATING ON YOU?
THAT'S JUST NOT RIGHT!
DO YOU LOVE SAKI?
HEY, YUKIMURA!
YOU WERE REALLY RUDE TO MINAKO.

I DON'T KNOW WHY...
...BUT I JUST DON'T LIKE HER THAT MUCH.
HMM...
OH, I WAS?
YES, YOU WERE. THAT'S WHY SHE BAILED SO EARLY LIKE THAT.
THAT'S STRANGE!
IS ANYTHING GOING ON BETWEEN YOU AND MINAKO?

OH...
OHMIGOD...
TELL ME IT'S NOT TRUE!
MY DARING SAKI...

HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT YET?
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, SAKI.

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chapter 5

HEY, YOU'RE NOT LEAVING, ARE YOU?
WHY DON'T YOU SPEND THE NIGHT?
NO, I DON'T THINK SO...
I HAVE TO GET UP REALLY EARLY TOMORROW MORNING.

YOUR PHONE'S RINGING. HURRY UP AND ANSWER IT!
RRRR
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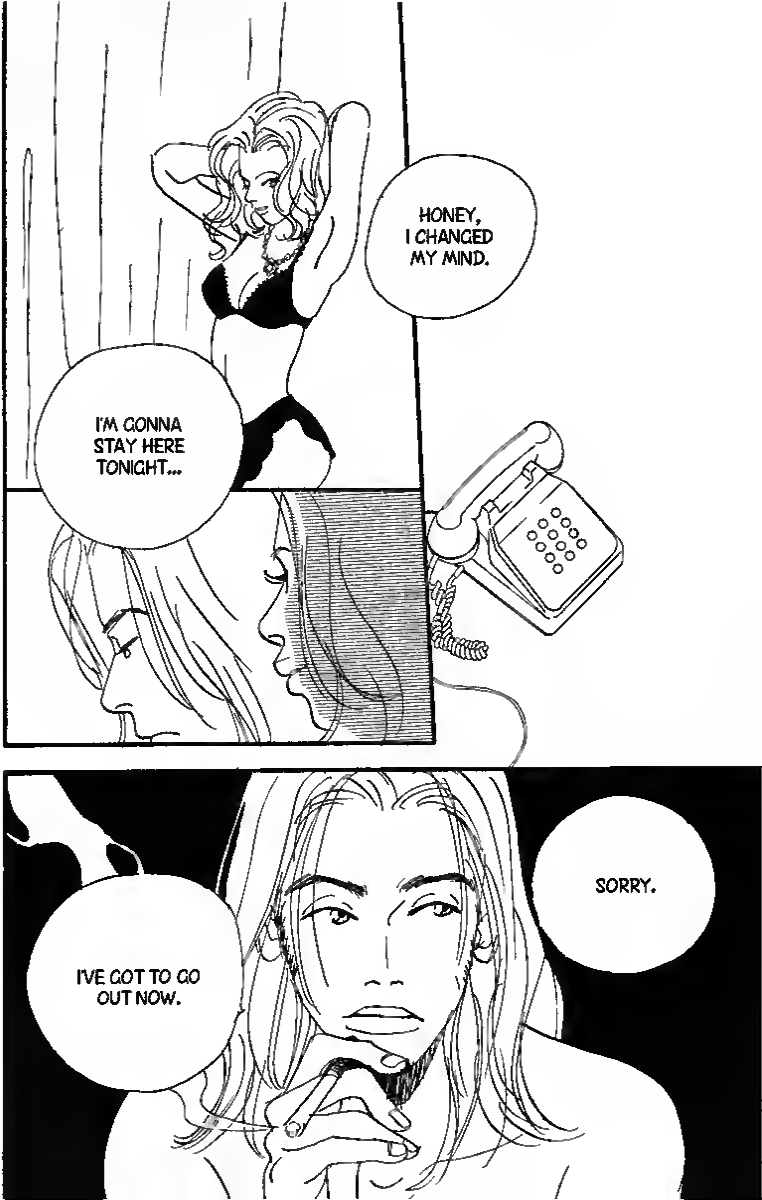
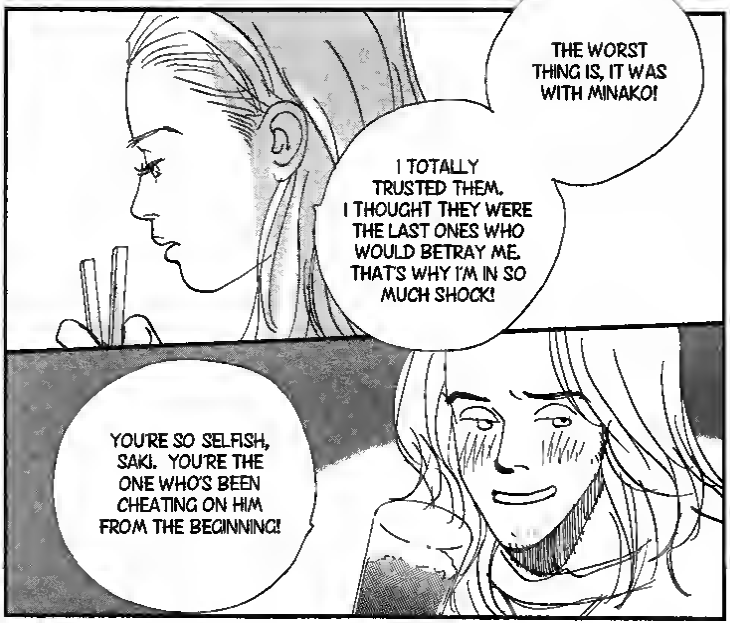
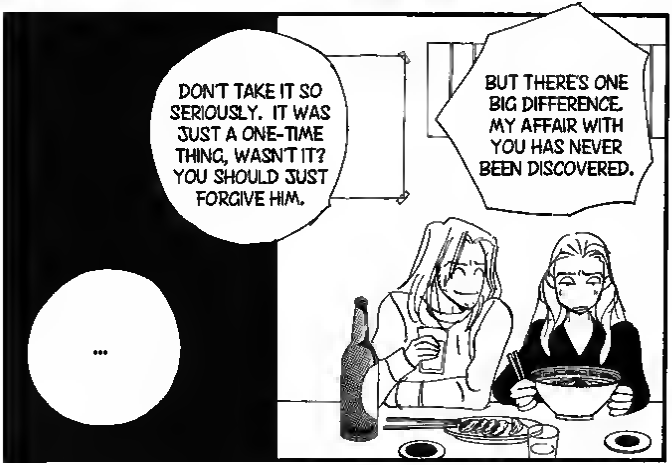
DAMMIT! WHO'S CALLING THIS LATE AT NIGHT?
STAY.
RRR
HELLO?
KEN, IT'S SAKI...
NO, I CAN'T.

MY BOYFRIEND IS CHEATING ON ME. I WANT TO DIE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING TO ME!
WHERE ARE YOU?
NEAR YOUR APARTMENT...


HONEY, I CHANGED MY MIND.
I'M GONNA STAY HERE TONIGHT...
SORRY.
I'VE GOT TO GO OUT NOW.

YOU LOOK SO MUCH BETTER THAN YOU SOUNDED ON THE PHONE.
I CRIED TOO MUCH AND THEN I GOT HUNGRY.
YOU SOUNDED LIKE YOU WERE DYING! I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!
ANYWAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THIS, KEN?


THE WORST THING IS, IT WAS WITH MINAKO!
I TOTALLY TRUSTED THEM. I THOUGHT THEY WERE THE LAST ONES WHO WOULD BETRAY ME. THAT'S WHY I'M IN SO MUCH SHOCK!
YOU'RE SO SELFISH, SAKI. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN CHEATING ON HIM FROM THE BEGINNING!


DON'T TAKE IT SO SERIOUSLY. IT WAS JUST A ONE-TIME THING, WASN'T IT? YOU SHOULD JUST FORGIVE HIM.
BUT THERE'S ONE BIG DIFFERENCE. MY AFFAIR WITH YOU HAS NEVER BEEN DISCOVERED.
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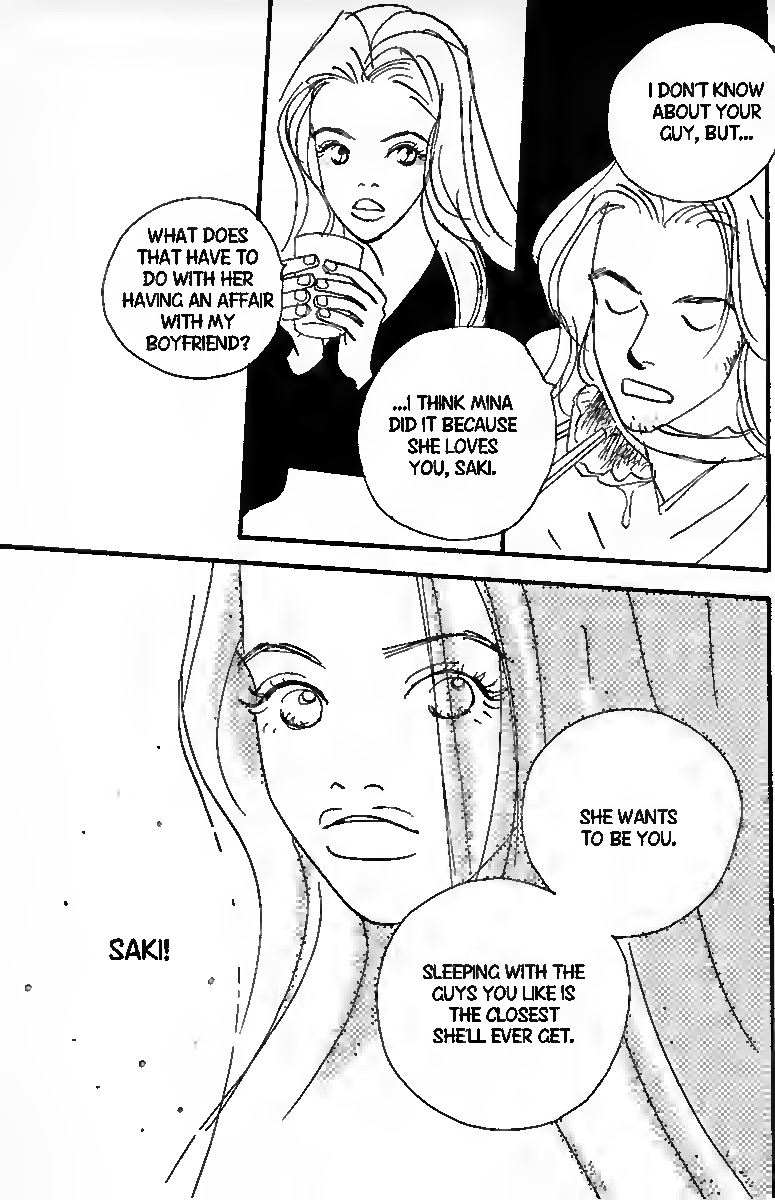
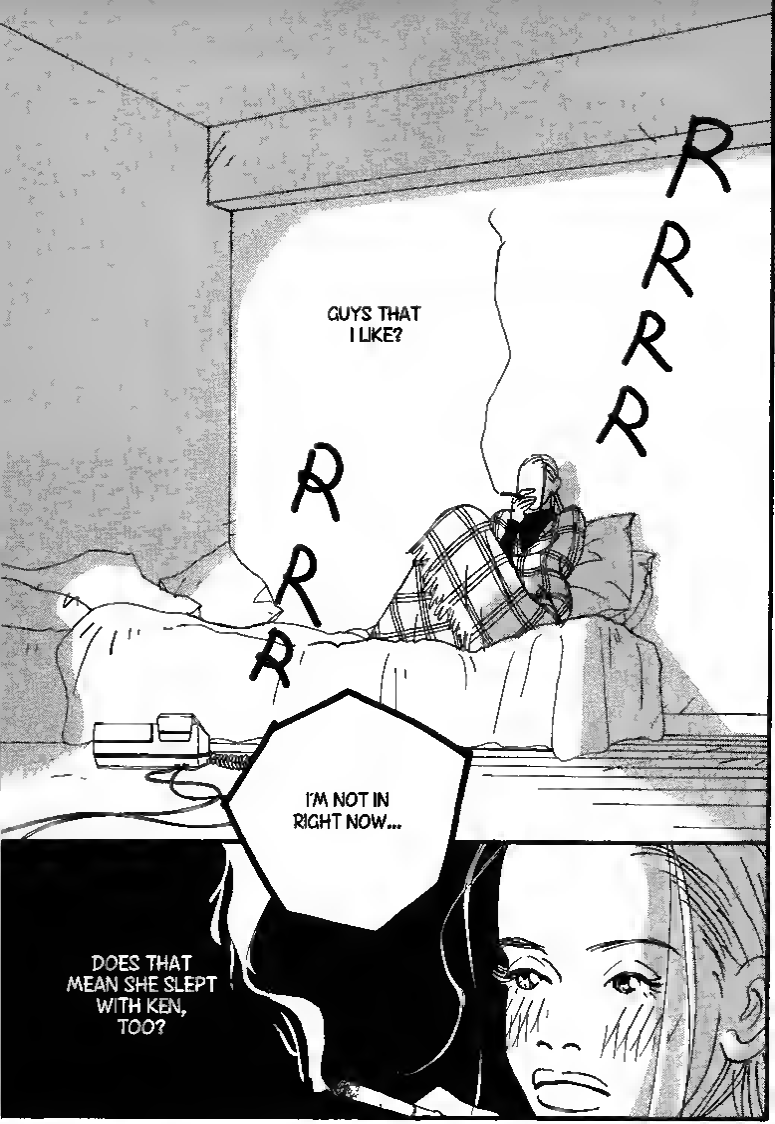

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR GUY, BUT...
...I THINK MINA DID IT BECAUSE SHE LOVES YOU, SAKI.
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH HER HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH MY BOYFRIEND?
SAKI!
SLEEPING WITH THE GUYS YOU LIKE IS THE CLOSEST SHE'LL EVER GET.
SHE WANTS TO BE YOU.

I LOVE YOU
SO MUCH.
MY DEAR SAKI...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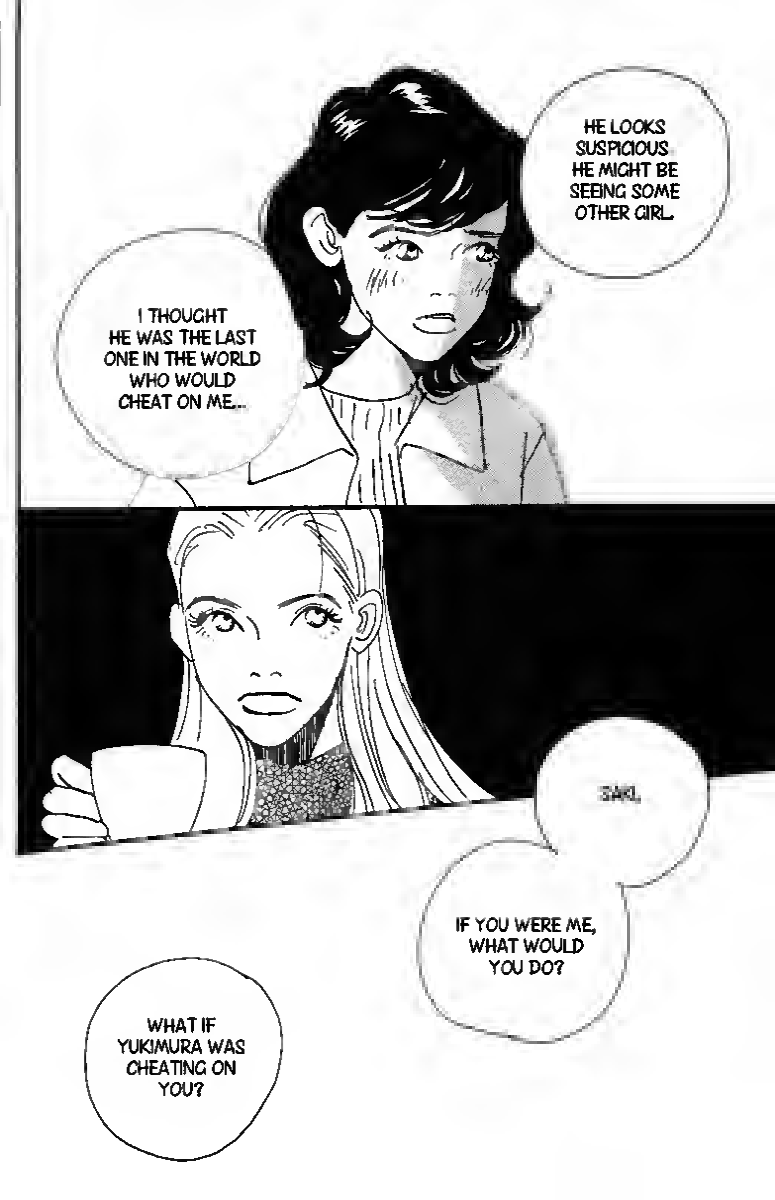
GUYS THAT I LIKE?
I'M NOT IN RIGHT NOW...
DOES THAT MEAN SHE SLEPT WITH KEN, TOO?

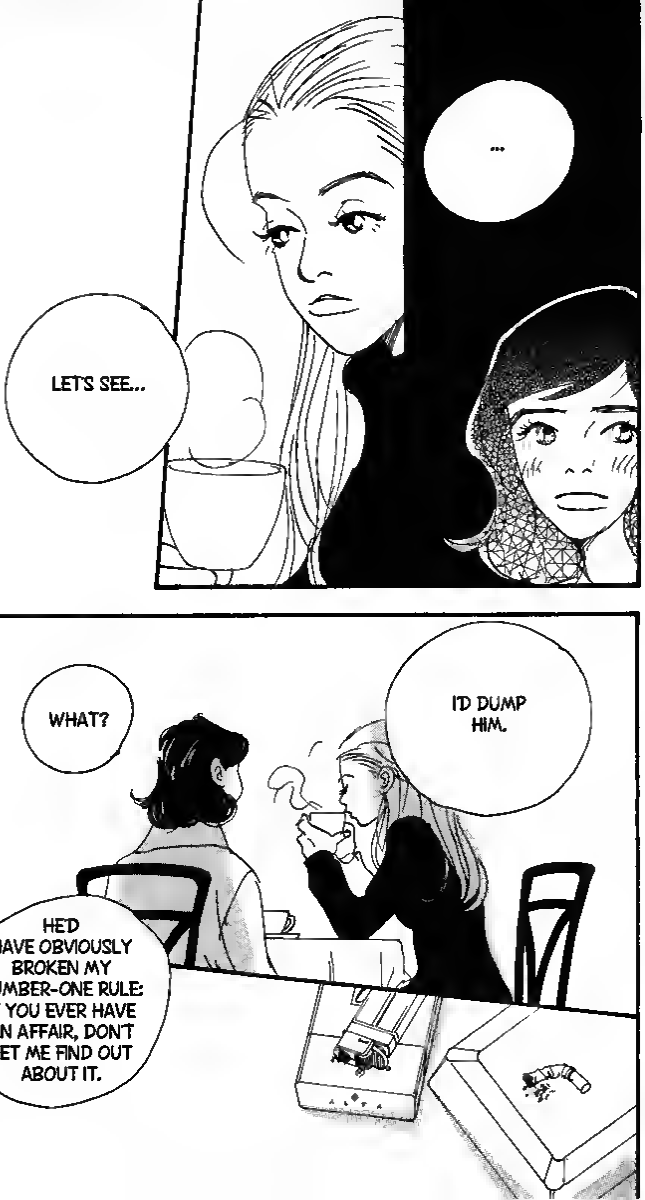
BEEP
IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
HI, SAKI. IT'S MINAKO.
I REALLY NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.
PLEASE CALL ME BACK! THANKS!
I'M SO STUPID.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY TO HER?
IT'S JUST THAT...

...WITH ME AND HIM THAT NIGHT...
I LIKE YOU.
MINAKO, YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL.
...I COULD TELL HE WASN'T FAKING THAT KISS OR CONFESSION.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?
I NEVER PLANNED TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM FOR REAL.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, MINAKO? ARE YOU OKAY?

I KNOW! IT'S ABOUT YOUR BOYFRIEND, ISN'T IT?
WHAT?
DO I LOOK DEPRESSED OR SOMETHING?
ARE THINGS NOT WORKING OUT?
ARE YOU STILL WITH THE SAME GUY?
NO, IT'S NOT THAT.
YEAH.


HE LOOKS SUSPICIOUS HE MIGHT BE SEEING SOME OTHER GIRL.
I THOUGHT HE WAS THE LAST ONE IN THE WORLD WHO WOULD CHEAT ON ME..
SAKI,
IF YOU WERE ME, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
WHAT IF YUKIMURA WAS CHEATING ON YOU?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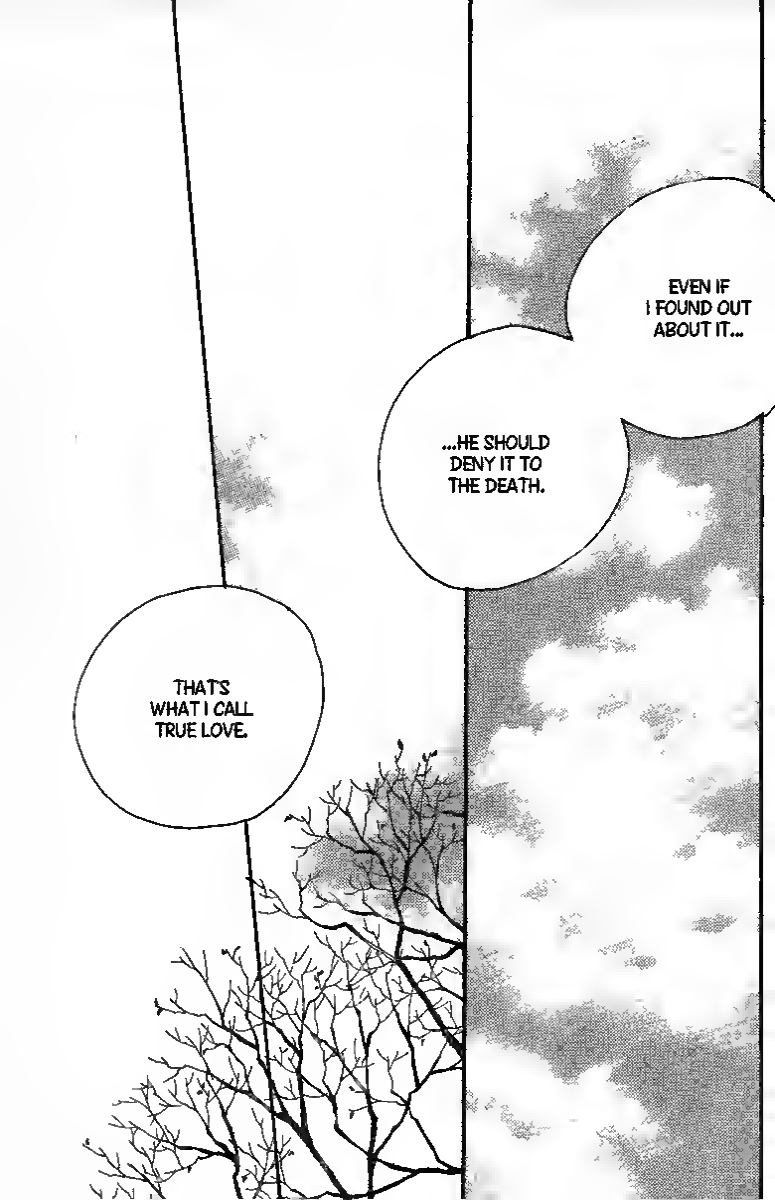
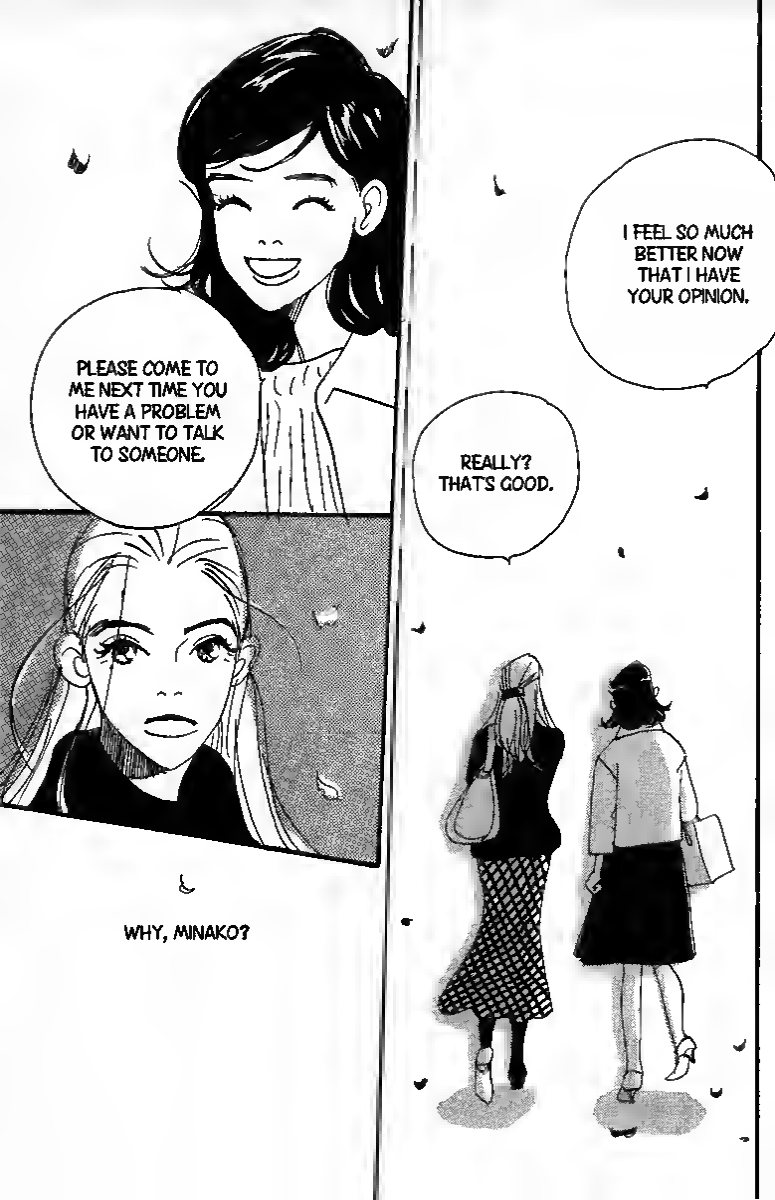
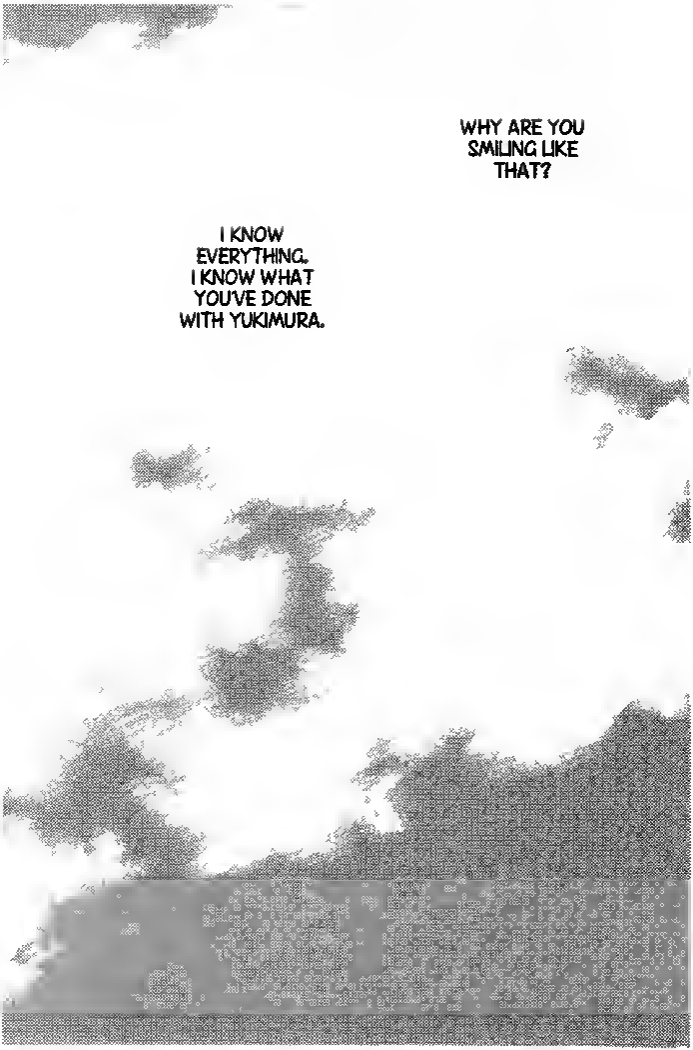
LET'S SEE...
WHAT?
I'D DUMP HIM.
HE'D HAVE OBVIOUSLY BROKEN MY NUMBER-ONE RULE: IF YOU EVER HAVE AN AFFAIR, DON'T LET ME FIND OUT ABOUT IT.

IF YOU HAVE AN AFFAIR,
YOU HAVE TO DO IT WITH SOMEONE YOU'D NEVER GET SERIOUS ABOUT, AND YOU SHOULD NEVER LET YOUR LOVER FIND OUT ABOUT IT.
THAT'S THE LEAST YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR PARTNER!
I MEAN, I DON'T NEED A GUY WHO CAN'T EVEN HIDE HIS ONE-NIGHT STAND!


EVEN IF I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT...
...HE SHOULD DENY IT TO THE DEATH.
THAT'S WHAT I CALL TRUE LOVE.

YOU SHOULD DUMP HIS ASS!
HE'S MAKING YOU MISERABLE. HE'S NOT WORTH IT!
SAKI...
THANK YOU!


I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR OPINION.
REALLY? THAT'S GOOD.
PLEASE COME TO ME NEXT TIME YOU HAVE A PROBLEM OR WANT TO TALK TO SOMEONE.
WHY, MINAKO?


WHY ARE YOU SMILING LIKE THAT?
I KNOW EVERYTHING. I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH YUKIMURA.

THANKS FOR MEETING ME.
I REALLY WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.
ABOUT WHAT?
YOU WANTED TO TELL ME HOW MUCH YOU LOVE MINAKO, HUH?
NO, NOT AT ALL.

WHY DID YOU SLEEP WITH HER?
IF YOU DON'T LOVE HER, WHAT WAS THE POINT?
MINAKO IS MY BEST FRIEND!
YOU'RE AN ASSHOLE.
IF YOU WANTED SEX, YOU SHOULD'VE FOUND SOME STRANGER.

YOU'RE AN IDIOT!
YOUR TEARS DON'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME. IF YOU'RE SO UPSET, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MESSED AROUND WITH MINAKO, THEN.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU EVER AGAIN!
JUST GO!!!
I'M SO SORRY, SAKI!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME...

THIS IS A
NIGHTMARE...

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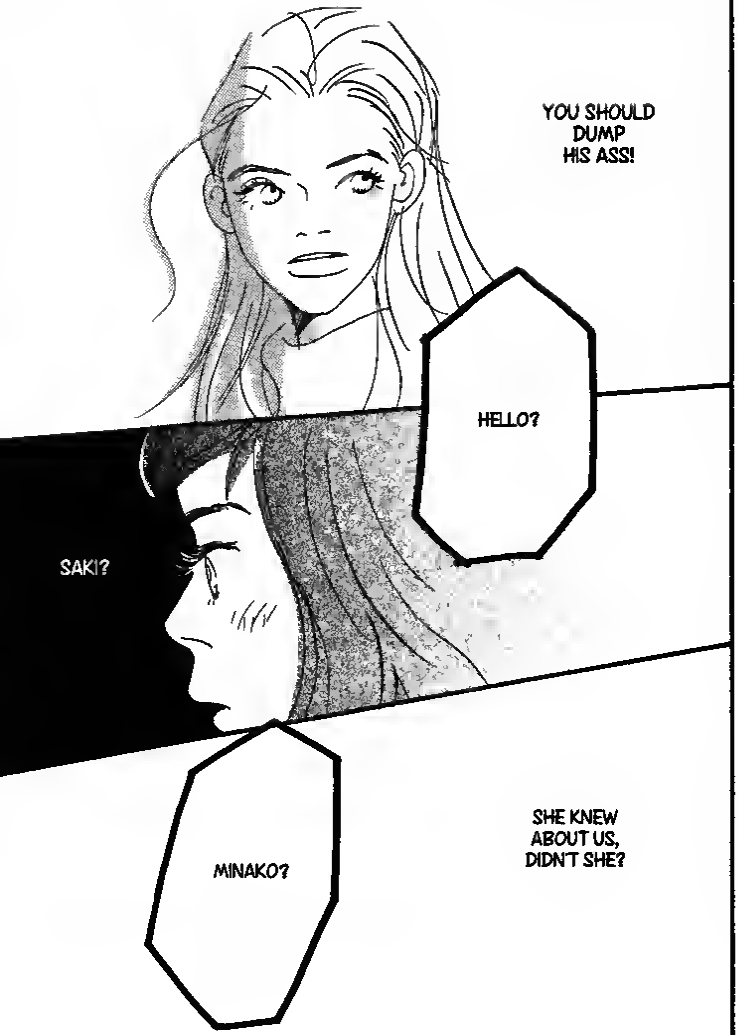
SORRY, MINAKO.
IT'S ME.

SAKI...
SAKI?
WHAT ABOUT SAKI?
YUKIMURA?
WHAT'S GOING ON?

SAKI IS BREAKING UP WITH ME.
SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT US THAT NIGHT. AND I COULDN'T LIE TO HER ABOUT IT.

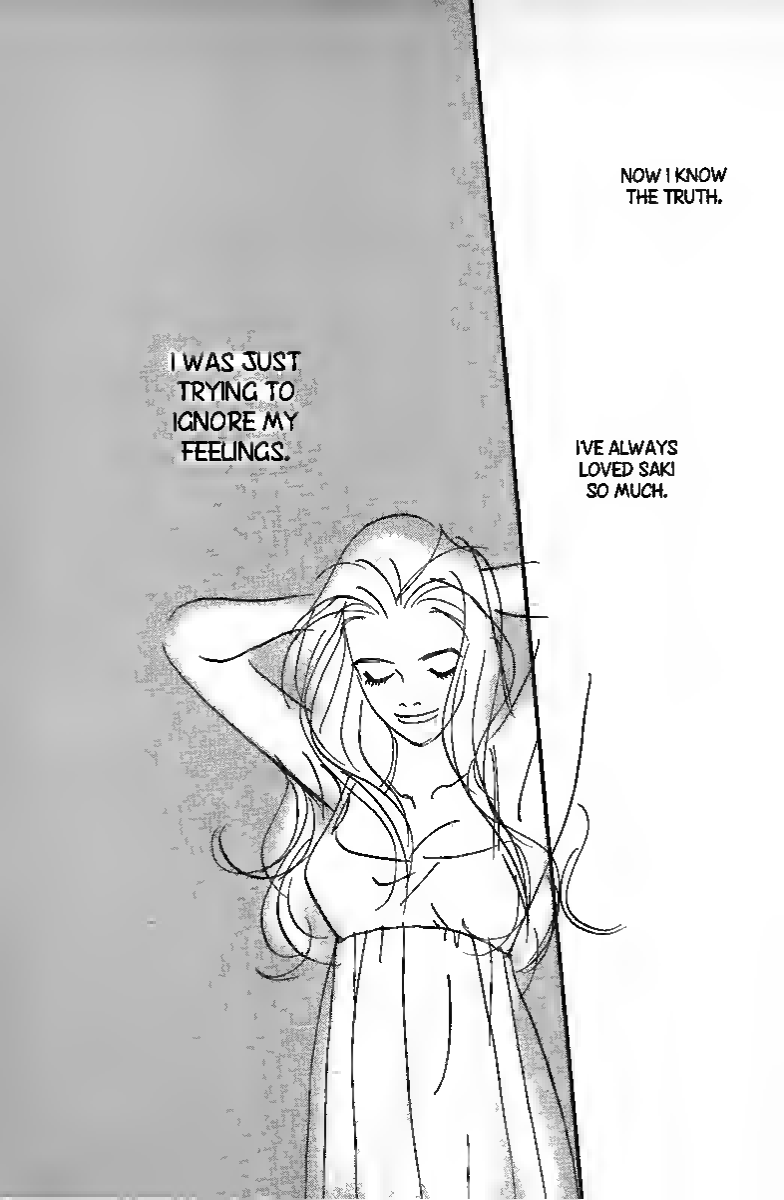
I'M SO SORRY. I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M TELLING YOU THIS, MINAKO.
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
BUT I'M...
...I'M SO CONFUSED RIGHT NOW.


YOU SHOULD DUMP HIS ASS!
HELLO?
SAKI?
MINAKO?
SHE KNEW ABOUT US, DIDN'T SHE?

HOW DARE YOU, YUKIMURA...
WHY COULDN'T YOU KEEP IT A SECRET?

IT'S SAKI WHO I'VE LOVED ALL ALONG...

...NOT YUKIMURA!


I WAS JUST TRYING TO IGNORE MY FEELINGS.
NOW I KNOW THE TRUTH.
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED SAKI SO MUCH.

SAKI, MY LOVE!!

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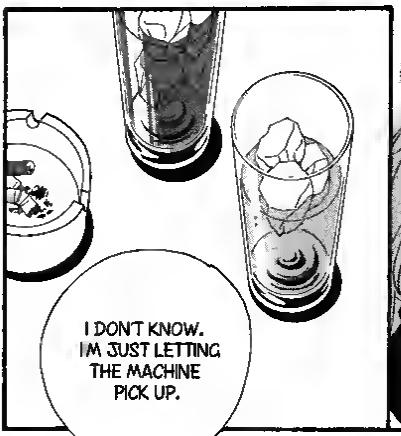
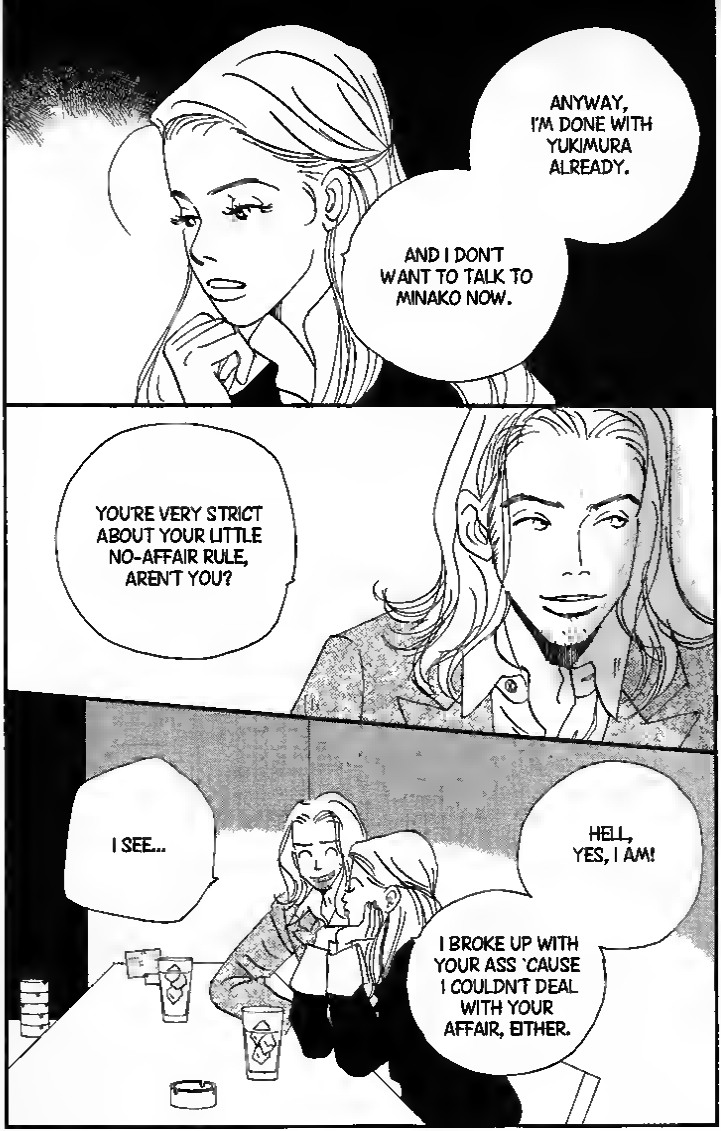
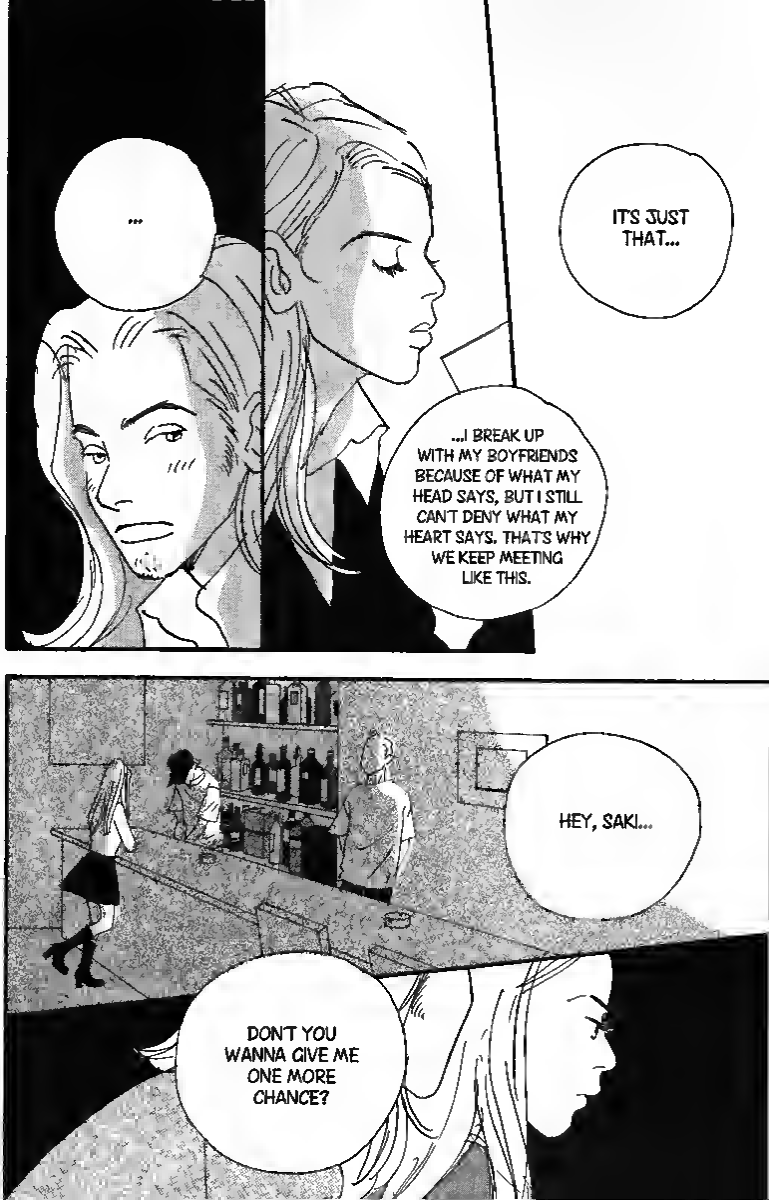
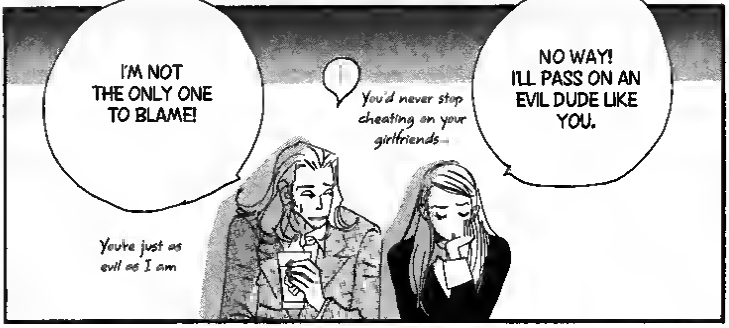
I KNEW SHE LOVED ME.

I'VE KNOWN IT FOR A LONG TIME.
I CAN'T TELL... IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK SINCE THE BREAKUP.
HAVE EITHER OF THEM CALLED?

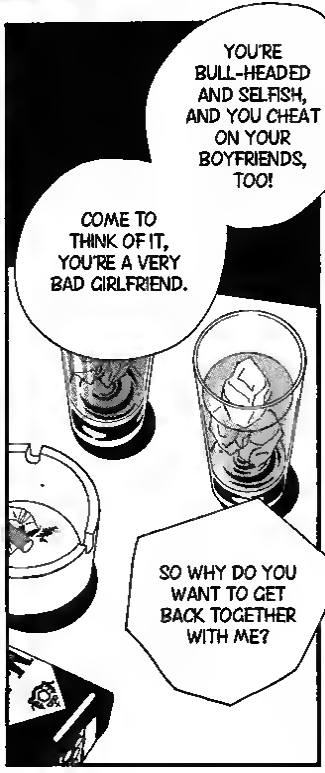

I DON'T KNOW. I'M JUST LETTING THE MACHINE PICK UP.


ANYWAY, I'M DONE WITH YUKIMURA ALREADY.
AND I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO MINAKO NOW.
YOU'RE VERY STRICT ABOUT YOUR LITTLE NO-AFFAIR RULE, AREN'T YOU?
I SEE...
HELL, YES, I AM!
I BROKE UP WITH YOUR ASS 'CAUSE I COULDN'T DEAL WITH YOUR AFFAIR, EITHER.


...
IT'S JUST THAT...
...I BREAK UP WITH MY BOYFRIENDS BECAUSE OF WHAT MY HEAD SAYS, BUT I STILL CAN'T DENY WHAT MY HEART SAYS. THAT'S WHY WE KEEP MEETING LIKE THIS.
HEY, SAKI...
DON'T YOU WANNA GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE?


I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE TO BLAME!
You'd never stop cheating on your girlfriends—
NO WAY! I'LL PASS ON AN EVIL DUDE LIKE YOU.
You're just as evil as I am

EVEN WITH ALL YOUR EVIL QUALITIES, YOU'RE STILL THE BEST GIRL FOR ME!


YOU'RE BULL-HEADED AND SELFISH, AND YOU CHEAT ON YOUR BOYFRIENDS, TOO!
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE A VERY BAD GIRLFRIEND.
SO WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET BACK TOGETHER WITH ME?

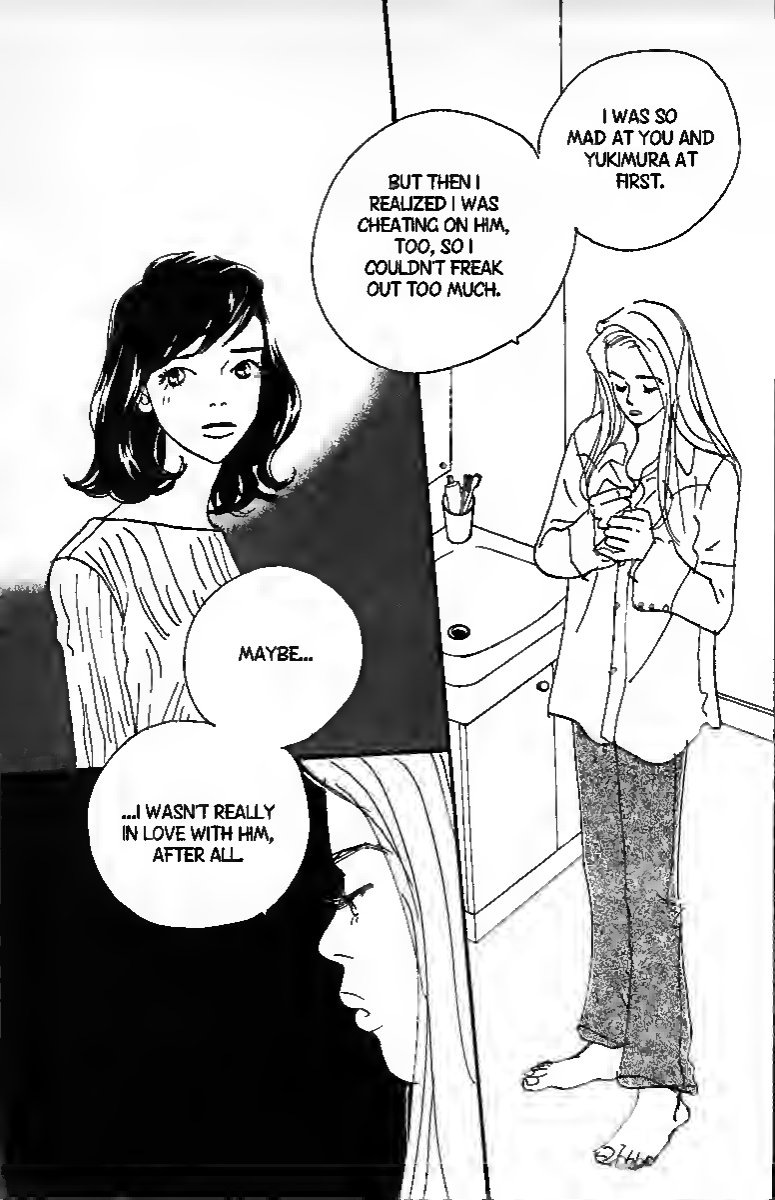
WE SHOULD GIVE IT ONE MORE TRY!
HE PROMISED TO TAKE CARE OF ME AND NEVER CHEAT ON ME AGAIN.
UM... I WONDER IF I CAN BELIEVE HIM.

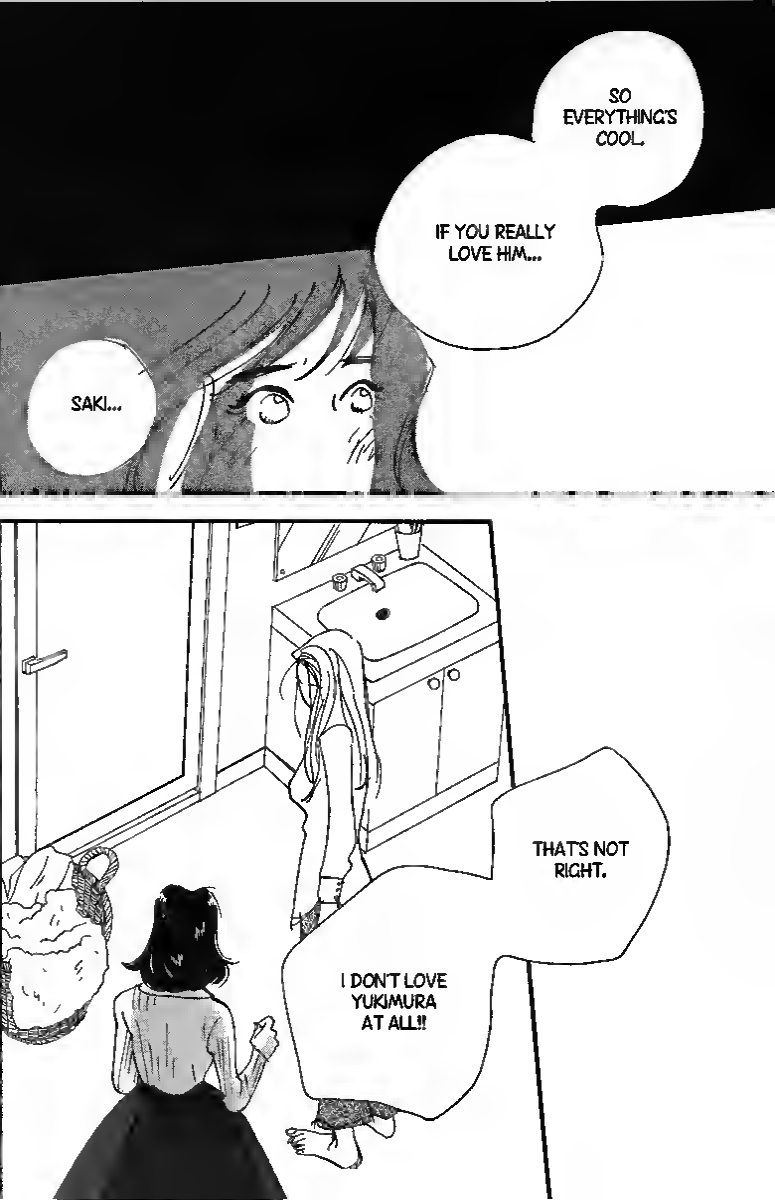
I'M SO SORRY, SAKI!
YUKIMURA...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
I WISH YUKIMURA HAD GUTS LIKE KEN.
IF SO, I WOULD NOT BREAK UP WITH HIM.

MINAKO...?

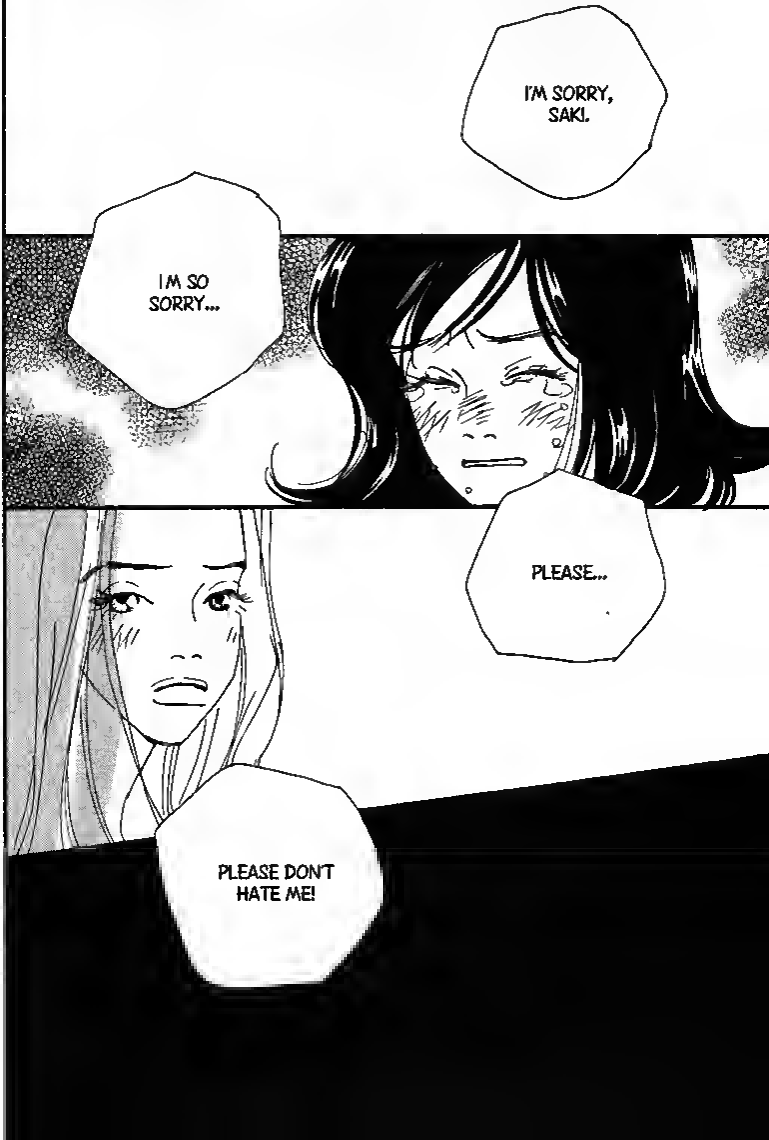
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU LIKE THIS.
I REALLY WANTED TO TALK TO YOU, BUT YOU NEVER ANSWER YOUR PHONE.

EVEN IF YOU WAITED FOR ME OUTSIDE, YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHEN I WAS COMING BACK, DID YOU?
WHAT IF I DIDN'T COME BACK HOME TONIGHT?
I WOULD PROBABLY...
...BE WAITING HERE FOREVER.
IT'S OKAY.

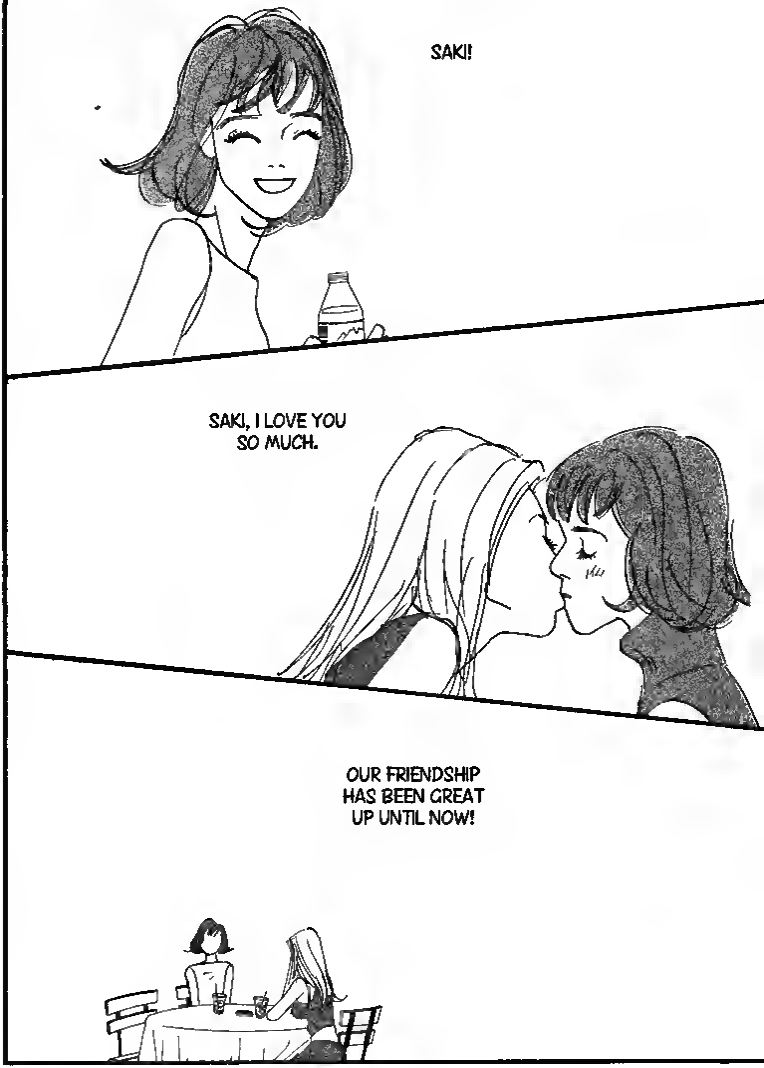

I WAS SO MAD AT YOU AND YUKIMURA AT FIRST.
BUT THEN I REALIZED I WAS CHEATING ON HIM, TOO, SO I COULDN'T FREAK OUT TOO MUCH.
MAYBE...
...I WASN'T REALLY IN LOVE WITH HIM, AFTER ALL.


SO EVERYTHING'S COOL.
IF YOU REALLY LOVE HIM...
SAKI...
THAT'S NOT RIGHT.
I DON'T LOVE YUKIMURA AT ALL!!

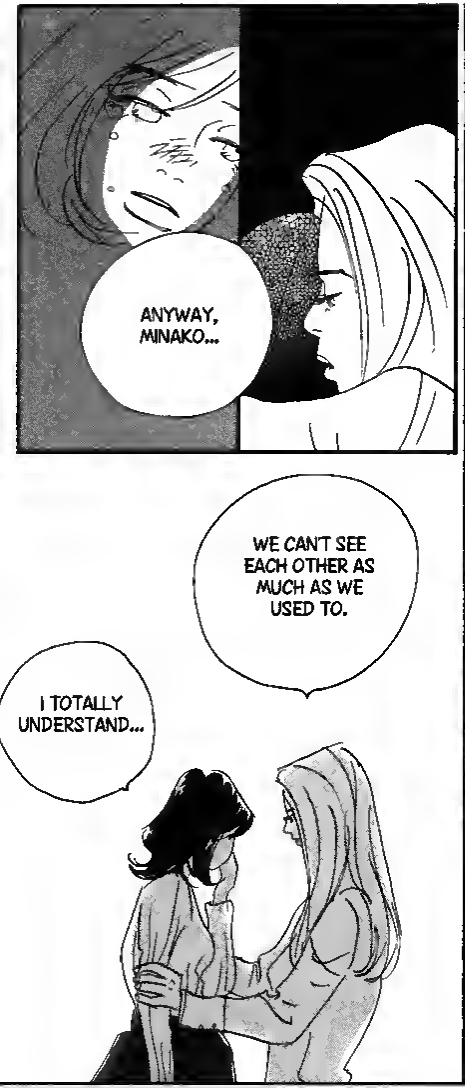
WHAT?!
THEN WHY?
WHY DID YOU SLEEP WITH HIM IF YOU DIDN'T LOVE HIM?


I'M SORRY, SAKI.
I'M SO SORRY...
PLEASE...
PLEASE DON'T HATE ME!

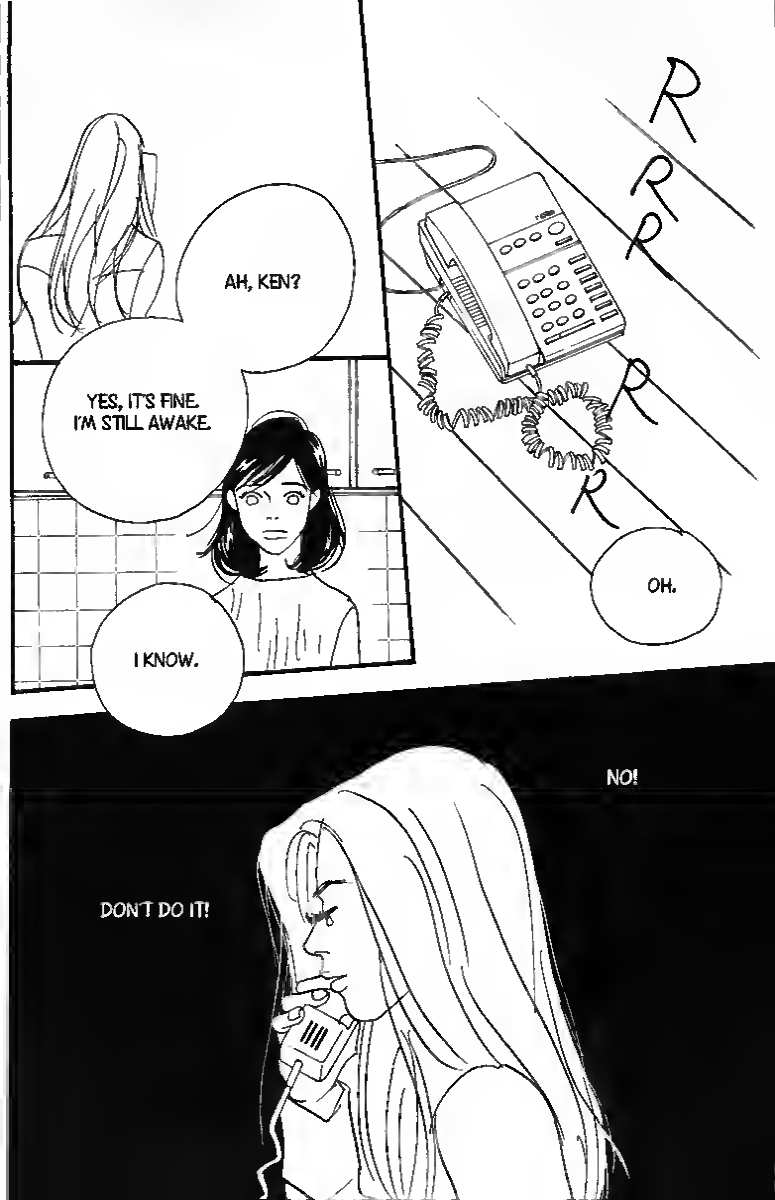
I...
I LOVE YOU, SAKI, SO MUCH...
WHAT WENT WRONG BETWEEN US? HOW DID OUR FRIENDSHIP START FALLING APART?


SAKI!
SAKI, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.
OUR FRIENDSHIP HAS BEEN GREAT UP UNTIL NOW!

DON'T CRY, SWEETIE.
I...
I DON'T HATE YOU...
I CAN'T JUST TOTALLY BLOW OFF A FRIEND WHO LOVES ME THIS MUCH.


ANYWAY, MINAKO...
WE CAN'T SEE EACH OTHER AS MUCH AS WE USED TO.
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND...
WE WERE ON THE SAME LEVEL IN THE BEGINNING,
BUT SOMEHOW OUR FEELINGS TOOK OFF IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS BEFORE WE EVEN NOTICED.

AS TIME GOES BY, MAYBE WE CAN BE FRIENDS AGAIN.
BUT I NEED A LITTLE TIME NOW. YOU TWO WERE THE PEOPLE I TRUSTED MOST IN THE WORLD.
I KNOW.
WE MIGHT GET BACK TOGETHER AGAIN.
KEN TOLD ME THAT I SHOULD FORGIVE YOU BOTH.
KEN...?


AH, KEN?
YES, IT'S FINE. I'M STILL AWAKE.
I KNOW.
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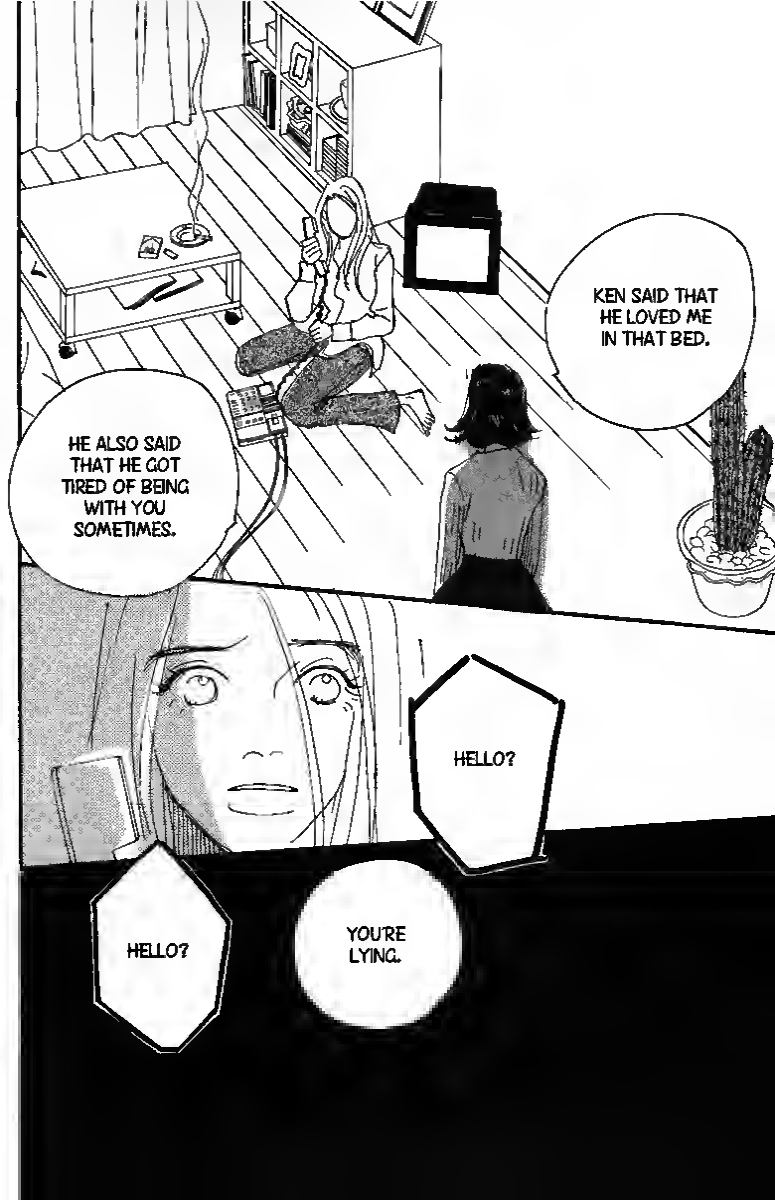
OH.
NO!
DON'T DO IT!

HEY, SAKI!
I SLEPT WITH KEN, TOO.
WHY IS IT OKAY FOR KEN TO DO THE SAME THING AS YUKIMURA DID?
WHILE YOU WERE GONE, WE DID IT ON YOUR BED, SAKI


KEN SAID THAT HE LOVED ME IN THAT BED.
HE ALSO SAID THAT HE GOT TIRED OF BEING WITH YOU SOMETIMES.
HELLO?
HELLO?
YOU'RE LYING.

DON'T YOU SEE?
KEN IS A SCUMBAG. HE TREATS YOU LIKE SHIT!
YOU'RE THE WORST SCUMBAG!!
OUCH.
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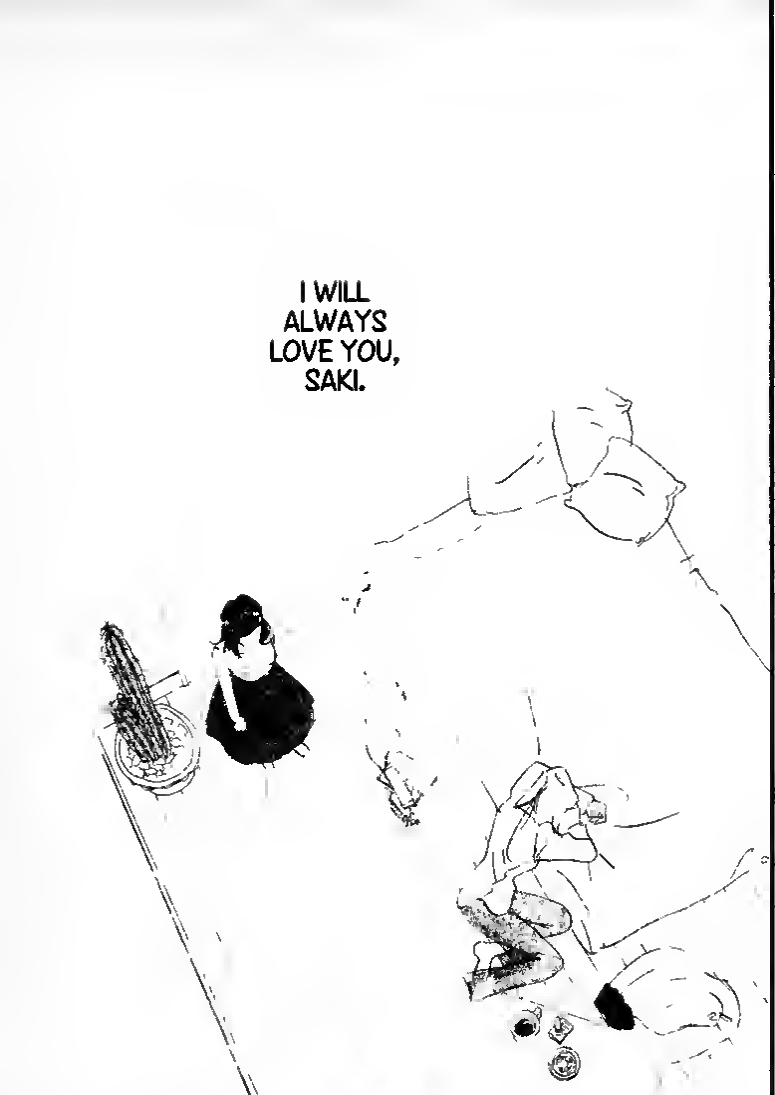
HOW DARE YOU TELL ME SUCH LIES, BITCH!

I JUST...
I JUST LOVE YOU, SAKI, AND THAT'S WHY...
STOP... STOP IT!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
GET LOST!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE EVER AGAIN!

SAKI...

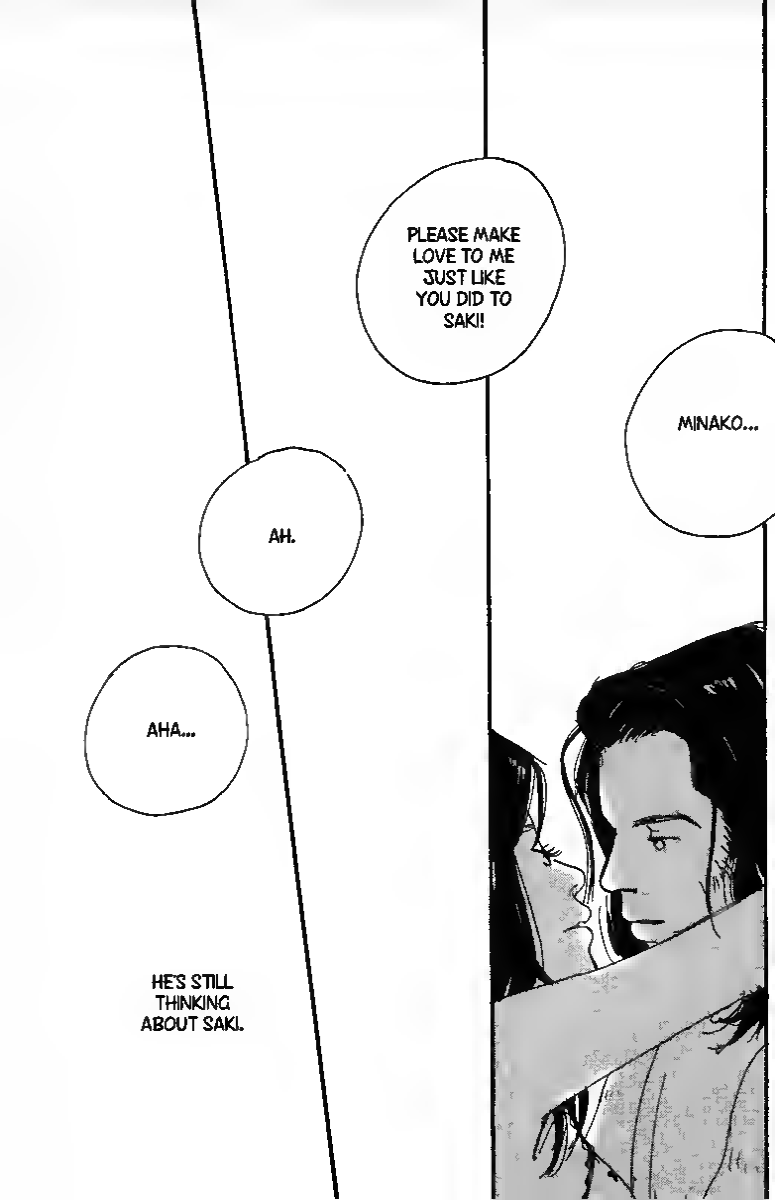
...BUT I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.
SAKI, YOU MAY HATE ME NOW...
I...
I...
I WILL...


I WILL
ALWAYS
LOVE YOU,
SAKI.

HEY, WHY DON'T WE GO OUT SOMEWHERE?
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY.

WHEN I MET YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME, IT WAS A NICE DAY LIKE THIS, WASN'T IT?
YEP. THAT WAS THE DAY I PLANNED TO MEET UP WITH SAKI...
I'M SEEING YUKIMURA NOW.
YOU'RE A LIAR. YOU WERE CRAZY ABOUT SAKI BACK THEN, YUKIMURA!
REMEMBER? YOU WERE RUNNING TOWARD US IN A RUSH, MINAKO! I THOUGHT YOU WERE CUTE EVEN THEN.

WHEN YOU GET A LITTLE GRUMPY, YOU HAVE THE SAME FACIAL EXPRESSION AS SAKI.
REALLY?
WERE YOU ALWAYS KISSING SAKI LIKE THIS, YUKIMURA?
SWEET, TENDER KISSES LIKE THIS...


PLEASE MAKE LOVE TO ME JUST LIKE YOU DID TO SAKI!
MINAKO...
AH.
AHA...
HE'S STILL THINKING ABOUT SAKI.

AH...
I CAN FEEL IT IN HIS LIPS...
I CAN FEEL HOW MUCH HE STILL LOVES HER.
...AND IN HIS ARMS, AND EVEN HIS BODY.
YOU HAVE THE SAME G-SPOT AS SAKI, MINAKO!
OH MY GOD...
I ADORE HIM FOR THAT REASON.

HEY, SAKI,

...BUT MY LOVE FOR YOU HASN'T CHANGED ONE BIT.

I MIGHT NOT SEE YOU ANYMORE...

AND IT WON'T. FROM NOW ON. FOREVER AND EVER.

I LOVE YOU MORE
THAN LIFE ITSELF,
MY SWEETHEART,
SAKI...

the end